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## Gold jumps to 2-year high

LONDON, Feb. 15 (R) — Gold rose to its highest for nearly two years Tuesday as the dollar lost some of its recent strength and eased against all major currencies.

At the London morning fix by bullion houses, gold was quoted at \$511.50 an ounce, nearly \$10 above Monday's close and its best level since April 9, 1981. The afternoon fixing price was slightly lower at \$509.25.

The dollar weakened against the West German mark, trading at 2.3950 marks nearly two pennings down from Monday.

Dealers said European foreign exchange markets were nervous in expectation of a cut, possibly this week, in the U.S. discount rate and uncertainty over what Federal Reserve Board Chairman Paul Volcker will say when he testifies to Congress Wednesday.

The dollar dipped below two Swiss francs, buying 1.9880 francs after 2.0182 at Monday's close. Sterling was one cent stronger at \$1.5493, while the French franc gained eight cents at 6.7900 to the dollar.

April gold futures were trading at around \$518.50 an ounce, and analysts said the metal was moving in a resistance band around \$510-510, which if broken could signal an advance of up to \$50.

## Seek end to Gulf war, U.S. tells Iraq

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (AP) — The United States has called on Iraq to negotiate with Iran a settlement of their 2½-year-old war — in the interest of stability in the Gulf.

Secretary of State George Shultz on Monday made this appeal to Iraqi Foreign Minister Saddam Hammadi, who was in Washington on a private visit, an American official said.

Shultz also told Hammadi that the United States will continue to stay neutral in the war and refuse to furnish military supplies to either side. Iraq inflicted severe losses on the Iranian Army last week in stopping the latest offensive, American military specialists said.

They said the Tehran leaders apparently counted on a rapid and successful assault aimed at cutting the Baghdad-Basra Highway 60 kms from Iran's border. Pentagon experts said the Iranians were poorly equipped to cross the Tigris River.

If the Iranians had succeeded in taking the highway, Ayatollah (Khomeini) would have dealt a severe blow to Iraq as it is a vital link between Baghdad and the other Gulf states which have given Iraq a substantial amount of military aid," Col. William Staudenmaier of the U.S. Military Academy said.

The American analysts were especially surprised by Iraq's hesitation in using its advanced fighter-bombers which outnumber Iranian aircraft four to one. "We don't understand why the Iraqis didn't use their Soviet MiGs and their French Mirage planes more often and more efficiently, especially since many of Iran's American-built fighters are no longer operational.

The land war between Baghdad and Tehran appears to be a war of attrition in which troop morale could be the decisive factor, Pentagon sources said. The American analysts said the recent Iranian offensive was not the first time that Tehran's forces have suffered heavy losses.

**NATO rejects Soviet offer**

BRUSSELS, Feb. 15 (Agencies) — The NATO allies have officially rejected as inadequate the latest Soviet proposal on curbing medium-range nuclear missiles and regard Moscow's attitude at the Geneva arms control talks as disappointing. NATO does not expect any new moves from the Soviet Union until after the West German elections next month but it is not ruling out the possibility that Moscow is considering a serious compromise proposal, diplomats said.

U.S. and Western European officials have reaffirmed that the burden is now on the Soviet Union to put forward "an interim solution" to the problem of intermediate-range nuclear missiles in Europe.

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But a European diplomat, speaking after a meeting here of a consultative group responsible for preparing the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) position at U.S.-Soviet Euromissile talks in Geneva, said the possibility of compromise has emerged.

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## Maggie pleads for Pym's visit



DOHA, Feb. 15 (AP) — British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was said here Monday to have asked King Fahd to reschedule a postponed visit to the Kingdom by Foreign Secretary Francis Pym.

The Qatar News Agency, in a report from London quoting "British diplomatic sources," said the request was communicated to Fahd Sunday by James Craig, London's ambassador to Riyadh.

Craig delivered a message to the King which expressed Thatcher's regret over the deterioration of Saudi-British relations in recent months, particularly the cancellation of Pym's scheduled Gulf tour in January because of a political controversy over the Palestine Liberation Organization, the report said.

Thatcher has refused to meet any PLO official until the organization accepts Israel's right to exist. This position has led to repeated postponements of a visit to London by a seven-member Arab League delegation and to a Saudi statement that Pym would not be welcome with the British government eventually opting to put off indefinitely Pym's Gulf tour.

The British prime minister's message reportedly sought to convince Fahd the stance on the PLO was to the advantage of the cause of peace in the Middle East, citing in this connection Britain's authoring of United Nations resolution 242 of 1967, accepted to this day as the main basis for an eventual Arab-Israeli settlement.

## Army deployed to restore Gemayel's writ in E. Beirut

BEIRUT, Feb. 15 (Agencies) — Thousands of Lebanese government troops Tuesday took over security duties in East Beirut from the Christian militiamen who have ruled there since the civil war of 1975-76.

The move, carried out under a new government decree giving the army sweeping powers to maintain law and order, symbolized the return of government authority to the whole of Beirut for the first time in eight years.

The government had been able to recover control of West Beirut last September after Israel invaded Lebanon and besieged West Beirut.

Christian sources said the army deployment was negotiated with the militiamen, who are now forbidden from moving around East Beirut in military vehicles, wearing uniform or carrying weapons.

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*Until peace is achieved*

## Fight against Israel to continue -- Arafat

ALGIERS, Feb. 15 (AP) — Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat vowed to pursue the political and military struggle against Israel "until a just peace has been achieved and the Palestinian flag is hoisted atop the mosques and churches of Jerusalem."

Addressing the 360-member Palestinian parliament-in-exile, Arafat reviled the United States for "instigating the Israeli aggression on Lebanon and the atrocious massacre of Palestinians and Lebanese" in the Beirut refugee camps of Sabra and Shatila.

The week-long session of the Palestine National Council, meeting in the International Conference Center, 24-kilometers west of the Algerian capital, is discussing for the first time the PLO's conditions for peace and mutual recognition with Israel.

"Peace will be achieved by an independent decision of our people, taken through the barrel of a gun," Arafat shouted. The remark drew tumultuous applause from the delegates and from more than 3,000 invited guests from all parts of the world.

The principal guest of honor was Algeria's President Chadli Benjedid.

"This meeting is held in open defiance of the American-Zionist conspiracy against our people and our revolution," Arafat declared.

"The Americans want to undermine our aspirations, liquidate the Palestine Liberation Organization and crush our struggle."

But he did not mention President Ronald

**U.K. oil price cut imminent**

LONDON, Feb. 15 (R) — Britain is expected to cut the price of its North Sea oil Friday in the first such move by a major producer in the present oil glut crisis, industry sources said Tuesday.

Britain's state oil trading company, the British National Oil Corporation (BNOC), Tuesday teleaxed customers that it expected to be in a position to make a recommendation on the North Sea price by Friday.

Oil analysts said a British price cut would have an immediate effect on world oil prices and could prompt swift action by the 13-member Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to cut its own rates.

BNOC would make no comment Tuesday on the size of the likely price cut. But industry sources anticipate a reduction of around \$3.50 a barrel to put the price of British forties crude, pumped from offshore platforms due east of the Scottish mainland, at \$30 a barrel. This compares with an official OPEC market price of \$34 a barrel and a \$35.50 tag for comparable high quality African crudes.

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Emir of Bahrain Sheikh Isa ibn Salman Al-Khalifa to the King, Bahraini Foreign Minister Sheikh Muhammad Al-Khalifa said the message dealt with bilateral relations in particular and the current situation in the Middle East in general.

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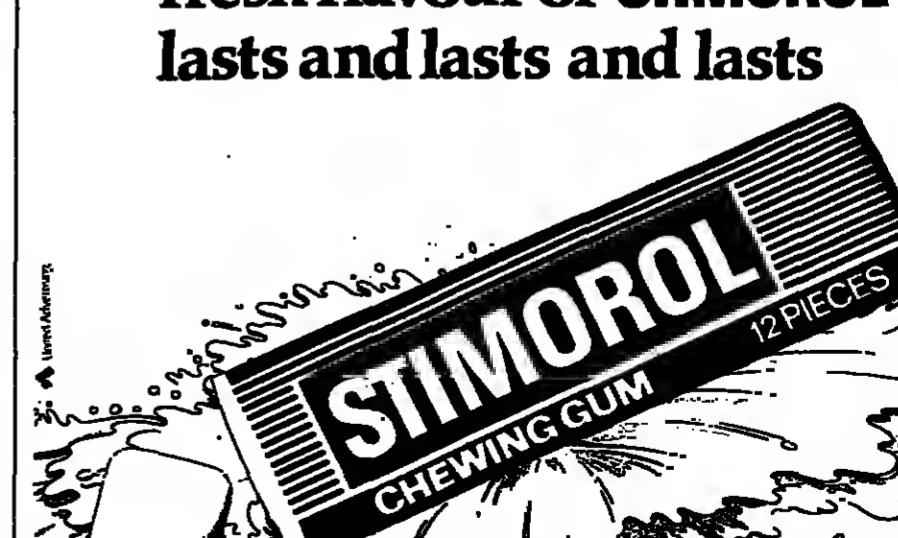
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## GCC union stresses certificate on local goods

DAMMAM, Feb. 15 (SPA) — The Federation of Gulf Chambers of Commerce and Industry has stressed the need for continuing to follow the practice of the chambers issuing certificates of origin in respect of local products exchanged by the Gulf Cooperation Council's states. Muhammad Abdullah Al-Mallah, deputy secretary-general of the federation said the certificates should then be endorsed by the appropriate government authorities.

He said the federation would hold the necessary contacts with the GCC Secretariat to maintain the present practice concerning the certificates.

## Indonesian bid to send more workers to M.E.

JAKARTA, Feb. 15 (AFP) — Indonesia will shortly open a placement office of the Ministry of Manpower in Jeddah to facilitate the sending of Indonesian workers to the Middle East. Minister of Manpower Haru Zein said.

The ministry plans to send from 30,000 to 50,000 workers to the region in the next fiscal year to add to the 50,000 workers already there.

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Asr (Afternoon)	3:33	3:51	3:22	3:08	3:32	4:00
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## In political, economic spheres Mexico boosting links

By K.S. Ramkumar  
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 15 — Mexico has been gradually strengthening bilateral relations with Saudi Arabia in all domains, including political and economic, Mexican Ambassador Francisco Gonzalez de Cossio said.

In an interview with Arab News, Gonzalez de Cossio said, "We have initiated a process of consultation and have been examining the possibilities of consolidating and expanding the trade between the two countries." He added that there is a potential for expanding bilateral trade to the extent of at least \$100 million.

Mexico, which has been exporting technical processes, electrical parts and machinery, and silver articles to the Kingdom, is considering introduction of new items like chemical products, auto parts and equipment, fruits and vegetables, besides many other manufactured goods, he said.

"Our biggest handicap is the lack of direct communication by air or sea with the Kingdom. However, efforts are on to overcome the transportation problem," the ambassador indicated.

Mexico, which produces 300 million barrels of crude oil a day with half of its production being exported, will send a major official trade mission to the Kingdom in due course, he said.

The ambassador said that his country, with 98 percent Catholic population, has only a small floating population in the Kingdom. Some 20 Mexicans are permanent residents here, he added.

Gonzalez de Cossio, 40, who is the first Mexican resident ambassador in the Kingdom having assumed office in August 1981, also said the new Mexican Embassy complex in Riyadh will be styled on the world renowned, most advanced Mexican architectural concepts with a touch of Arabic flavor.

He disclosed that the land for the complex, estimated at about \$5 million, has been leased and the building design submitted to the Mexican authorities. The project is being re-examined by the new administration and should be cleared within the next three months.

## New cultural centers being established

RIYADH, Feb. 15 (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian Society for Culture and Arts has worked out a large program designed to open new cultural centers in Jeddah, Dammam, Makkah and Madinah in the wake of the success attained by its Riyadh Cultural Center, it was announced here.

The Riyadh Center is the first of its kind in the Kingdom's comprehensive cultural renaissance, it was set up in collaboration with the city governorate and society.

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*On self-determination*

## Holland supports PLO stand

ABU DHABI, Feb. 15 (AP) — The visiting Dutch foreign minister said his government supports the right of Palestinian people to self-determination. The United Arab Emirates news agency WAM said Monday the Dutch position emerged at Van den Broek's official talks with UAE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Rashid Abdullah.

"The Netherlands follows a balanced Middle East stand, within the framework of the European Community," Van den Broek was quoted as saying. "This stand envisions the right of all peoples in the region to live in peace, within secure borders, and the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination."

"Our country supports the position of Jordan in its contacts with the Palestine Libera-

tion Organization, with the aim of coming out with a unified position enabling the two sides to enter negotiations on the Mideast peace process," he was quoted as adding. "The PLO-Jordan contacts are important and beneficial."

Both sides were cited as expressing support for the Arab summit peace plan of last September, and as praising recent proposals by U.S. President Ronald Reagan for a Palestinian settlement.

Abdullah urged the European groups to "adopt a clear stand in support of efforts for a just and lasting settlement" and to "show more understanding for the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people."

The Qatar News Agency quoted an official UAE source as saying his country has also

urged "European assistance to Jordanian King Hussein in his efforts for peace" and backing "to the United States in its efforts for an Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon."

Abdullah said he had drafted with the Dutch minister a blueprint for an accord on economic and technical cooperation. He gave no details, but he expressed hope the accord would be ratified after "further discussions."

Van den Broek expressed his country's readiness to help the UAE in "efforts for diversifying sources of income," mentioning in particular the fields of agriculture, petrochemicals and engineering.

The UAE ministers of education and health would be visiting the Netherlands in April and June respectively to discuss expansion of mutual relations, Abdullah said.

At United Nations headquarters in New York, U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar was examining what the U.N. could do to protect the refugees, a spokesman said.

## Lebanon, Israel told to protect Palestinians

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (Agencies) — The U.S. government Monday urged Israel and Lebanon to protect Palestinians following the discovery of some bodies in southern Lebanon.

State Department spokesman Alan Romberg said: "We are extremely concerned by the current killings of Palestinian civilians and we have asked the Israeli and Lebanese authorities to try to stop new incidents."

Romberg said U.S. officials lacked information to confirm reports that the Palestinians were killed by Lebanese Christian militia.

At United Nations headquarters in New York, U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar was examining what the U.N. could do to protect the refugees, a spokesman said.

Perez de Cuellar "is following closely, and with great concern, the matter of the safety of Palestinians in Lebanon, and is studying possible action that may be taken by the U.N. in this regard," the spokesman said.

The spokesman, Francois Giuliani, made the announcement two days after the U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees — UNRWA, for short — said 15 bodies had been found in recent weeks near a ruined refugee camp adjoining Sidon. Many were identified as those of refugees.

Giuliani said Perez de Cuellar was considering the matter "in close consultation with the Commissioner-General of UNRWA," Olof Rydbeck of Sweden, whose office is in Vienna. He was "also in touch with the Lebanese government and a number of other governments which expressed their concern."

UNRWA's announcement said the bodies were discovered in a part of southern Lebanon where death threats were being directed against Palestinians. The area it mentioned is north of that patrolled by the U.N. interim force in Lebanon, commonly called UNIFIL. "In its area of operation," Giuliani said, "UNIFIL is doing its utmost, in cooperation with the Lebanese authorities, to provide effective protection and humanitarian assistance to the local population.

"In particular, it seeks to stop or contain the activities of any Lebaese armed elements not authorized by the central government."

Choua's representative to the Security Council Ling Qing accused Israel of "backing measures" against the Palestinian population in Lebanon. "A great number of Palestinians are missing, and that should be considered very grave in the light of the massacres" in Beirut refugee camps last year.



PNC Meeting: Algerian President Chadli Benjedid and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat applaud as the Palestine National Council begins its session in Algiers Monday. (Wephot)

## U.S. feels Arens more amenable

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (AP) — Moshe Arens, Israel's proposed new defense minister, is viewed by U.S. officials as a soft-spoken hard-liner who will be easier to deal with but is unlikely to push for significant changes in Israeli policy.

Arens, 57, ambassador to the United States for almost a year to the day, has been nominated by Prime Minister Menahem Begin to succeed Ariel Sharon, who resigned under pressure because of his role in the Beirut massacre.

The major difficulties in U.S.-Israeli relations in recent months have focused on Israel's refusal to withdraw its troops from Lebanon — without iron-clad security and political guarantees — and its opposition to U.S. President Ronald Reagan's Mideast peace initiative, which would return the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip to Palestinian control.

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## Greece welcomes Turkish proposal

ATHENS, Feb. 15 (R) — Greece favors a dialogue for the settlement of pending issues with Turkey but insists that its Aegean Islands, close to the Turkish coast, should remain fortified, a government spokesman said here.

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Arens met with U.S. Defense Secretary



## Lubbers blocks anti-boycott bill

THE HAGUE, Feb. 15 (Agecies) — Dutch Prime Minister Rud Lubbers took action to calm a political dispute over a proposed anti-boycott bill which would require companies to report attempts to make them observe a boycott of trading with Israel.

The draft bill is supported by pro-Jewish groups in the Netherlands and Lubbers said Friday that it could not go forward for the time being. Announcing the delay, he referred to Israel's indirect role in last September's massacre of Palestinians in the Beirut refugee camps.

Lubbers' linking of progress on the bill to Israeli policy angered the opposition Labor Party which demanded an emergency debate in parliament.

The government's decision marked its ongoing drift away from strong official support of Israel since last summer's invasion of Lebanon by the Jewish state.

## Dhaka schools, colleges closed

DHAKA, Feb. 15 (AFP) — The government Tuesday ordered educational institutions here closed for a week and extended a curfew imposed after clashes Monday between students and police left one dead and over 100 wounded.

In New Delhi, the Press Trust of India reported that several top opposition leaders were detained Monday night.

## BRIEFS

CAIRO, (R) — Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri flew to the southern Egyptian city of Aswan Monday and met President Hosni Mubarak to discuss bilateral relations and Middle East issues, state television reported.

TEL AVIV, (AP) — Israel has released 15 workers of the medical staff of the Palestine Red Crescent from the Ansar Prison camp in southern Lebanon, the military command said Tuesday.

KARACHI, (AP) — Police in Lahore have issued warrants for 12 members of banned political parties on charges of violating martial law regulations forbidding political gatherings, police sources said Tuesday.

MUSCAT, (R) — Two persons died and several others were injured in flash floods caused by heavy rain in the Sharqiyah area of Oman, official sources said.

JAKARTA, (AP) — Bangladesh Foreign Minister A.R. Doba met with President

Suharto Tuesday to discuss bilateral and international matters, including the scheduled nonaligned summit meeting in New Delhi.

BEIRUT, (AP) — A rocket exploded in front of the headquarters of Walid Jumblatt's Progressive Socialist Party Monday night causing slight damage to the building, a spokesman for the organization said.

AMMAN, (AP) — Pakistani Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan arrived here Monday for a four-day visit during which he will hold talks with King Hussein and top government officials on recent Middle East peace talks, a government statement said.

GENEVA (R) — The Dutch delegation to the United Nations Human Rights Commission appealed to Iran not to carry out death sentences passed on 22 members of the Bahai community.

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**Accuses Guyana of sabotaging efforts****Venezuelan move to join nonaligned off**

CARACAS, Venezuela, Feb. 15 (AP) — Venezuela has indefinitely suspended its bid to join the movement of nonaligned nations, bitterly accusing Guyana, its tiny neighbor to the east, of sabotaging its efforts to become a full member in the group.

Late last year, consideration of Venezuela's application for membership was postponed because of opposition by nonaligned member Guyana and its friends in the Caribbean. The Venezuelan withdrawal

is an apparent attempt to avoid a similar humiliation when the nonaligned groups meets in New Delhi next month.

Venezuela and Guyana are currently embroiled in a dispute over 50,000 square miles of Guyanese territory known as the Essequibo region. Venezuela claims that the mineral-rich area was unjustly awarded to Britain by an allegedly rigged international arbitration court in 1899 when Guyana was a British colony. The Essequibo comprises

"(Guyana), forgetting the principles and purposes that guide the movement, has tried...to use a species of veto whose withdrawal would be based on the receipt of unacceptable advantages," Zambrano said in the letter dated Feb. 14.

The cancellation of Venezuela's application for nonaligned membership represents a resounding defeat for the Social Christian government of President Luis Herrera Campins. The Venezuelan government hoped to use the organization to gather international support for its claim over the Essequibo.

The Herrera government began an intense campaign to become a full member in the group last year during the war between Britain and Argentina over the Falkland Islands.

Venezuela, Argentina's staunchest backer in the South Atlantic conflict, saw a strong parallel between Argentina's claim over the Falklands and its own desire to recover the Essequibo.

Cuba and other Latin American nonaligned members have voiced support for Venezuela's entrance into the movement.

The Guyanese government of President Forbes Burnham has consistently frustrated Venezuelan attempts to force negotiations on the issue since June, 1982 when an agreement to "freeze" the dispute for a 12-year period expired.

**80 world leaders expected**

NEW DELHI, Feb. 15 (AP) — The seventh summit of nonaligned nations will draw some 80 monarchs, presidents, and prime ministers for what organizers say will be the largest gathering of world leaders ever seen in India.

Sixty-five heads of state or government have already accepted invitations from Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, who is to succeed Fidel Castro of Cuba as chairman of the movement on March 7, summit Secretary-General Natwar Singh told reporters.

**1.2 m West Africans leave Nigeria**

LAGOS, Feb. 15 (R) — About 1.2 million West Africans have left Nigeria since the government ordered the expulsion of illegal aliens four weeks ago, Interior Minister Ali Baba said.

He told a news conference Monday that approximately 700,000 were from Ghana, 180,000 from Niger, 150,000 from Chad and 120,000 from Cameroon.

Al-Haj Ali Baba blamed Ghana for any suffering that had occurred during the mas-

ters. The movement's previous summit, in 1979 at Havana, Cuba, was attended by 56 heads of state and government.

For reasons of security and space, the 1,500 journalists, expected to cover the summit will be excluded from the conference and will have to report from a nearby building using closed-circuit television, officials said.

Many official delegates will have to attend the conference in rotation since only six seats are to be allotted to each of the 97 member delegations, Singh said.

Ghana was responsible for any hardships because of its refusal to open its borders — closed since last September in an anti-smuggling campaign — until three days before the expiry of Nigeria's two-week deadline for the departure of unskilled and unemployed people, he said.

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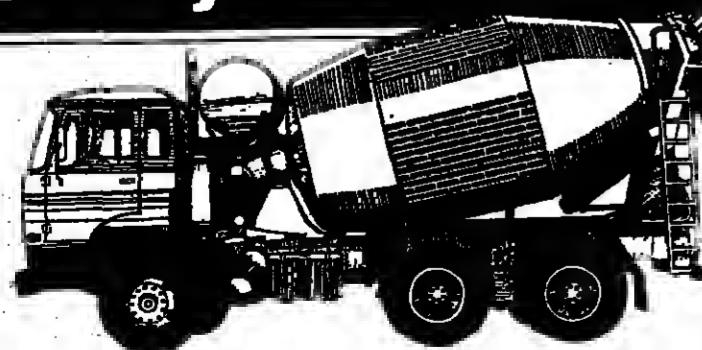
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**Defector bares KGB's activities**

HAMBURG, West Germany, Feb. 15 (AP) — Soviet leader Yuri Andropov turned the KGB into "an extremely professional organization" which collects information on the plans of other governments and tries to infiltrate Western peace movements.

"It is the most comfortable for the Soviets to use the Communist Parties and pro-Communist organizations in Europe.... I speak about the Communist parties and covert organizations which give themselves neutral names like "Young Women for Peace" or "suchlike," former KGB Major Stanislaw Lewshenko was quoted as telling the Hamburg-based *News* magazine *Der Spiegel* of the Soviet intelligence and security organization.

"The KGB has changed drastically indeed during the past ten years... I was there when an official of the central committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, immediately after signing of the so-called final act of Helsinki 1975, gave a speech and evaluated the entire agreement in an extremely cynical fashion," Lewshenko told the magazine in an interview in Washington.

"Even before the final Helsinki document, the so-called human rights basket, was signed, the Soviets were determined to cheat, never to open a door to Western Europe for a real exchange of information, journalists, tourists and so on," Lewshenko was quoted as saying.

The KGB defector, who was with the Soviet secret service for nine years, defected from his Tokyo job in 1979 and arrived in Washington recently to report to the U.S. House of Representatives' Permanent Select Committee.

He said Andropov, when still chief of the KGB, "was fond of liberally organized measures abroad," where, "many Soviet agents do not even know that they work for the KGB."

**U.S. study shows****Earthquake deaths fall**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (AP) — Earthquake deaths fell substantially last year, although there were more significant quakes, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

Geophysicist Waverly Person said there were 3,332 deaths from earthquakes worldwide in 1982, down from 5,239 the year before and significantly below the annual average of 10,000 fatalities.

Even so, Person noted that there were 56 "significant" quakes reported during the year, just about average but six more than the year before.

The survey defines a significant quake as one registering 6.5 or more on the Richter scale or one of smaller force that causes significant damage or casualties. The Richter scale is a measure of the force of a quake as shown by ground motion. Each increase of one whole number indicates an increase of 10 times in strength. A quake of 6.5 can cause considerable damage.

The deadliest quake of last year occurred Dec. 13 in North Yemen, when a 6.8 magnitude quake killed 1,500 persons and left more than 700,000 homeless in 300 villages.

Last year's strongest quake was measured at 7.7 on the Richter Scale. It occurred Dec. 19 in the Tonga Islands, but no damage or casualties were reported.

**Falklands forever, Francis Pym says**

LONDON, Feb. 15 (AFP) — British Foreign Secretary Francis Pym admitted Monday that British taxpayers might have to pay for protection of the Falkland Islands.

"We are protecting the islanders," he answered in a televised interview. "What else could we do? They've just suffered a terrible experience and now we have decided, and it must be right, to have down there a garrison which will prevent any event like that occurring again."

But Pym added: "It seems to me in the long term that what has to happen is a different attitude in Argentina, and I believe it will come. Latin America has got very friendly relations with us, they don't like this tension existing down there."

**Norway sights subs**

OSLO, Feb. 15 (AFP) — The number of unidentified submarines invading Norway's territorial waters has increased in the last several years. Rear Adm. Roy Breivik said here Monday.

At a press conference devoted to defense problems, Adm. Breivik said that 226 undersea vessels had been sighted or detected by sonar between 1969 and 1982.



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# U.S. aircraft 'using Thai base facilities'

BANGKOK, Feb. 15 (AP) — U.S. aircraft often make stopovers at a modernized, American-built air force base in Thailand, Thai navy Commander Adm. Sombon Chuapibul has confirmed.

The confirmation in English-language *Nation Review* newspaper, appeared to be the first from a senior Thai officer that U.S. planes were making regular refueling stops at a base called U-Tapao, 220 kilometers southeast of here.

The U.S. flew B-52 bombers from U-Tapao during its war in Vietnam. Washington withdrew virtually all its troops from Thailand in 1976 and has since repeatedly stressed it is not seeking to reopen bases here. Adm. Sombon said Thailand had turned U-Tapao into "a reserve airport in case of emergency" after informing every country of the move.

## Rebels isolate Salvador city

SAN SALVADOR, Feb. 15 (AP) — Leftist guerrillas isolated a strategic city in northeastern El Salvador and at least 33 persons were reported killed in heavy weekend fighting, military sources and residents said Monday.

Another 24 civilians, mostly poor peasants caught in crossfire, were reported missing. National police said government troops from nearby garrisons managed to dislodge rebels who blocked the road from San Salvador to Suchitoto, 43 kilometers to the northeast, after intense gunbattles Monday morning. Military sources said the guerrillas began blocking the road Friday in at least two locations and said traffic was still halted.

Reporters who tried to enter the area at midmorning were stopped by armed troops at the Sucio River, 22 kilometers north of the capital, who said there was still fighting ahead. One source there said the guerrillas had reoccupied one high point overlooking the road.

Suchitoto, on the shores of Lake Suchitlan, is near two huge hydroelectric dams that provide half of the country's electricity. The attacks since Friday appeared to be part of a major guerrilla hit-and-run offensive. Army troops deployed along the road said they expected new attacks at any time.

At least five civilians were killed when guerrillas threw a bomb at a truck loaded with sorghum on the road near La Bermuda, 35 kilometers northeast of the capital on Friday, setting it on fire, a justice of the peace in Suchitoto reported.

The justice, who asked not to be identified for security reasons, said one of the victims was former Suchitoto Mayor Arnulfo Padilla, 58, who was driving the vehicle.

U.S. planes were using it on their way to the Andaman Sea, which borders Thailand and Burma and into the Indian Ocean, the navy commander in chief said. His remarks were excerpted Monday, and a text appeared Tuesday.

Sombon stressed in the interview that Thailand was involved in a major five-year plan to upgrade its naval forces to deter a perceived threat to its long coastlines.

This involved purchases of advanced technology weapons from several countries, including Exocet missiles from France, Harpoon sea skimmers from the United States and T-9 Fokker jets from Holland.

Adm. Sombon last month visited Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines to discuss the possibility of joint arms purchases to cut down expenses. The countries are linked, along with Indonesia, in the non-Communist Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) set up in 1967 to boost economic cooperation among them.

The admiral said no definite agreement had been adopted on specific weapons each ASEAN state might buy, adding: "I think it is difficult to have any kind of common joint arms buying program." He said Thailand was planning separate joint exercises with Singapore and Indonesia in addition to its periodic maneuvers with Malaysia. The Philippines, on the other hand, apparently was unable to spare necessary naval units for joint exercises because they were needed to patrol its waters, Adm. Sombon added.

The navy chief said Thailand wanted to avoid trilateral or quadrilateral exercises because ASEAN was an economic and not a military organization.

## Clark condition stated to be fair

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Feb. 15 (AP) — The condition of artificial heart recipient Barney Clark was upgraded from serious to fair on Monday and he was moved from the intensive care unit to a private room, hospital officials say.

"He no longer requires intensive care and this move is seen as a first step in adapting him to home care," said John Dwan, spokesman for the University of Utah Medical Center. Clark, 62, in his 75th day on the Jarvik-7 heart, still suffers mild kidney and breathing problems, Dwan said.

Clark had not needed to be on a respirator for a week, but he still was weak and easily tired, Dwan said. "It was thought that moving him to a private room will facilitate the work of (Clark's) physical and occupational therapist and provide a more normal and restful environment in which to regain his strength," Dwan said.

## Bulgarian connection in pope case denied

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (Agencies) — Bulgarian Ambassador Stoyan I. Zhulev said Monday that charges of so-called Bulgarian connection in the shooting of Pope John Paul II are false, groundless allegations used by mass media in an "unprecedented propaganda campaign."

He said accusations against Bulgaria and the Soviet Union were designed "to poison the international atmosphere," and noted that Italian judges had not yet acted on Bulgaria's invitation to come there and investigate the allegations. "The evidence does not exist," he said.

Italian authorities have said that Turkish terrorist Mehmet Ali Agca, serving a life sentence for shooting the pope, spent nearly two months in Bulgaria before entering Italy in 1981.

Zhulev commented that some 2 million Turks cross Bulgaria annually, moving between Western Europe and Turkey, and they are not under surveillance. He said Agca had

visited Western countries as well.

Meanwhile, the Italian news agency Ansa reported Monday that an Italian magistrate will travel to Bulgaria this month to interview a Turk allegedly involved in both the shooting of Pope John Paul II and an arms smuggling ring operating in the Middle East.

The dispatch quoted state prosecutor Carlo Palermo as saying that Bulgarian police had placed the suspect, Bekir Celenk, under formal arrest.

Palermo is heading a three-year-old probe into the arms ring which allegedly sold helicopters and armored cars in exchange for narcotics subsequently dealt on the European market.

Palermo was quoted as saying he would also travel to Turkey next month to pursue his investigations. Four Turks and three Bulgarians have been implicated by Italian officials in the May 13, 1981, shooting of the pontiff.

In Ankara, Turkish Foreign Minister Ilter Turkmen said Bulgaria will not allow Celenk to leave the country while extradition requests are pending.

He told a news conference that Bulgaria had given this assurance to the Turkish government. Turkey has twice asked Bulgaria to extradite Celenk, also wanted in Turkey on charges of smuggling and illegal currency deals.

Turkmen said that Bulgaria "promised to consider seriously Turkey's extradition request under the existing judicial cooperation agreement between the two countries."

Turkish papers said earlier that Celenk, who was detained two months ago in Sofia, had moved from a detention house to the city's Moscow Park Hotel where he was staying under police guard with his wife. Informed sources in Ankara said that Turkish police believed Celenk was involved in arms and drug smuggling before Turkey's military coup in September 1980.

## Fraser vows to fight unions

MELBOURNE, Feb. 15 (AP) — Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser launched his campaign Tuesday for Australia's March 5 national elections with a promise to curb the country's militant trade unions.

Fraser promised tough new laws to reduce the power of the unions, which he claimed are responsible for "the country's 11 percent inflation and 9.3 percent unemployment rate."

Fraser said if re-elected, he would hold a national referendum to seek powers to allow the conciliation and arbitration commission, the nation's wage-fixing authority, to fine unions which stop essential services.

Secret ballots would also be required in elections of union officials, he said. Fraser's Liberal National Party coalition government believes secret votes will result in fewer strikes. The government contends, the present show of hands style intimidates many union members from voting against militant unions.

Fraser was careful to limit promises on welfare and government expenditure to a \$600 million package which included income tax relief for small business, youth unemployment schemes and extended support for rural industry.

He has criticized his Labor Party opponent Bob Hawke for promising to spend \$2.75 billion on a national recovery program.

Liberal National Party advertisements have focused on the Labor spending promises in the current depressed economy and pose the question "where is the money going to come from?"

Fraser's theme in his election policy speech was that economic recovery was round the corner and that he would lead Australia out of the recession ahead of other Western countries facing similar problems.

## Queen hails Jamaica

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Feb. 15 (AP) — Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, who also is Jamaica's head of state, Tuesday praised the Caribbean island's system of parliamentary democracy and the individual freedom it provides.

The queen, who is on her fourth visit here, told the Jamaican Parliament, "this system has been evolved to give the individual the maximum freedom that is compatible with the interests of the society as a whole. But it is not always easy to operate and, like all systems, can be abused or subverted."

"Here in Jamaica, you have succeeded in making it work, enabling stable transitions of elected government and allowing opposing views to be freely expressed."

Queen Elizabeth and her husband, Prince Philip, will leave here Wednesday.

## John Paul I was poisoned, report alleges

VIENNA, Feb. 15 (AP) — Bulgaria, which has come under attack in the shooting of Pope John Paul II, published a report Monday suggesting the pope's predecessor had been poisoned.

The official news agency BTA, which has taken the counteroffensive against Western allegations that Bulgarian agents were involved in the May 13, 1981, shooting of John Paul II, cited "contradictions" about the death of John Paul I in a report received here Monday.

Bulgaria has long denied any guilt in the assassination attempt, but Monday's article contained new and pointed inferences about Vatican politics and the death of the first John Paul. It was dated Feb. 11 and transmitted Monday. No reason was given for the time lag.

John Paul I died Sept. 28, 1978, after a paracy of only 33 days. He was found dead in his bed, and the cause was officially listed by the Vatican as a heart attack. There have

been few serious attempts until now to discredit the official version of his death.

"Infarction or poison?" — With this question journalist Asen Agov opens his article published in Monday's issue of the *Pogled* weekly. He dwells in it on a mysterious death which took place almost five years ago," the BTA report said.

"The Italian news agency Ansa has reportedly maintained that the body of the pontiff had been discovered not by his secretary but by a nun, without explaining what she was doing in the papal suite so early in the morning," the article said.

The author also pointed out discrepancies in Vatican reports on what John Paul I was reading on the night he died.

Agov cited Western sources who said the pope was in good health before he died, saying there was no evidence of heart trouble. He said pills were seen on the late pope's dinner table before his death, and called into question a Vatican prohibition

on autopsies of popes.

The prohibition is "a circumstance too much facilitating those who throughout the centuries have planned attempts on the lives of the popes because of different interests," he said.

"The 65-year-old Albino Luciani (John Paul I), patriarch of Venice until his election as a pontiff, had left no lasting trace in the politics of the Vatican, but he hinted firmly of his intentions and qualities and probably this had cost him his life," the article said.

Most Soviet bloc media make no secret of their mistrust of the Polish-born John Paul II, who was elected to succeed John Paul I on Oct. 16, 1978. But they bitterly denounced Western speculation that Bulgarian or Soviet agents were involved in the attack which wounded the Polish Pope in St. Peter's Square.

A Turk, Mehmet Ali Agca, is serving a life sentence for the shooting.

## BRIEFS

season from March through May, the Ministry of Tourism announced Tuesday. The ministry said seven Japanese expeditions will lead the assault, followed by five teams from West Germany and four each from the United States, Austria and Poland. One West German team, led by Gerhard Lenser of Freiburg, will attempt to climb Mount Everest.

BAGNOLS-SUR-CEZE, France (AP) — A faithful French she-cat pining for her mate padded 700 kilometers in a four-month-long search for her tom, it was reported here Tuesday. The flawlessly white-furred puss, which goes by the name of "Blanchette" or "Whitay," disappeared from her home last September, shortly after her masters left their Paris suburban home to

move to the warmer south. After 700-kilometer walk, she returned to her former haunt and true love mate late last month.

LONDON (AP) — A letter bomb addressed to British Agriculture Minister Peter Walker was safely defused at the ministry, an official source said here. No one has yet claimed responsibility for the bomb.

VINA DEL MAR, Chile (AP) — Gerasio, a Uruguayan expatriate, won the Vina song composition contest early Tuesday with "Alma, Corazon y Pan," a tune warning about nuclear war. Hetty Koes Endang, one Indonesia's leading pop singers, was named best performer of the prestigious international festival for her soft rock rendition of Titik Hamzali's "My Love."

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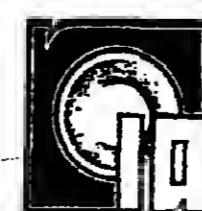
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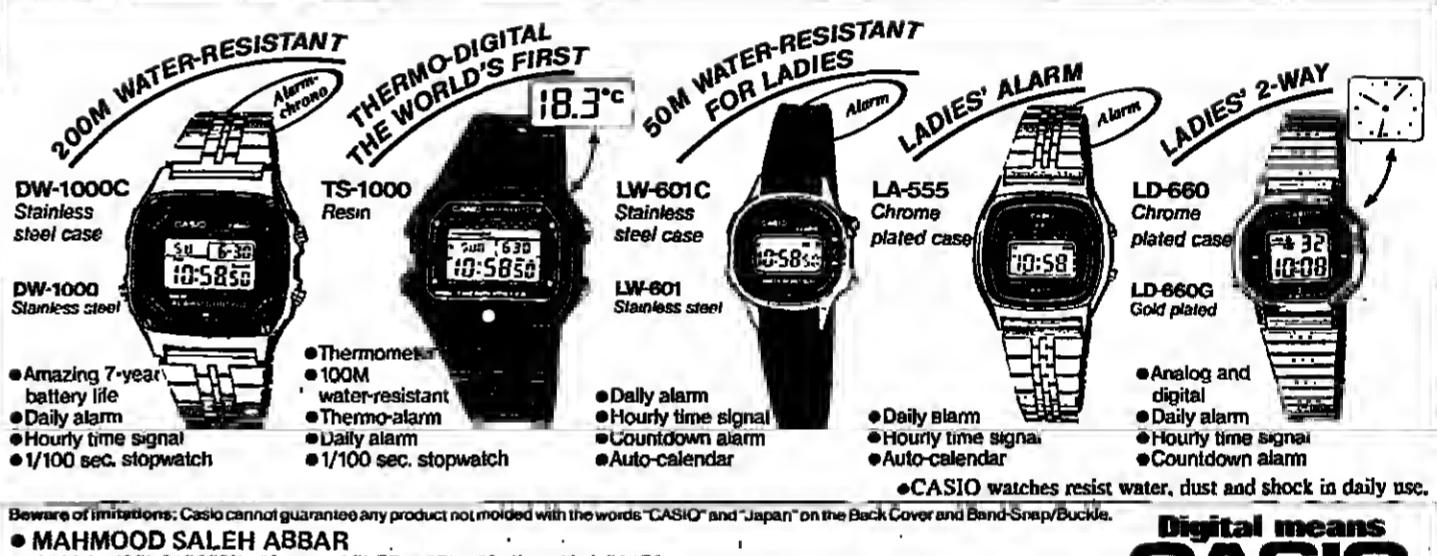
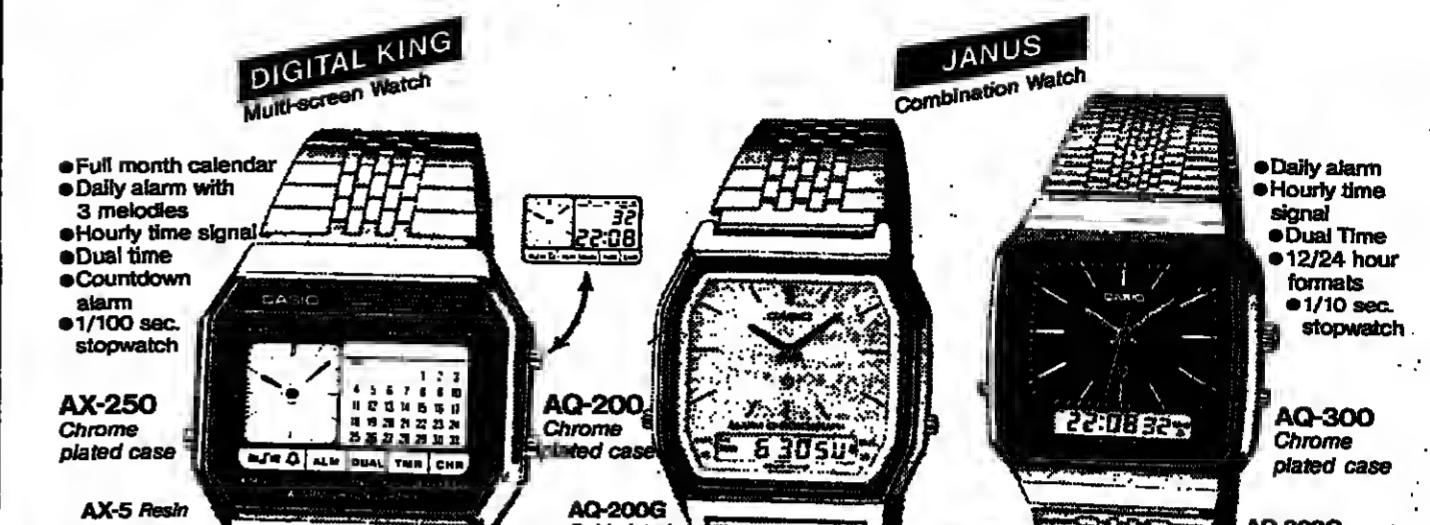
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To earn crack at Hagler's title

## Scypion pounds out verdict over Fletcher

NEW YORK, Feb 15 (R) — Argentine Juan Domingo Roldan and American Wilford Scypion look set to be 'Marvelous' Marvin Hagler's next challengers for the world middleweight boxing crown after Frank "The Animal" Fletcher's surprise defeat Monday. Hagler and Fletcher, ranked second by both the World Boxing Association (WBA) and the World Boxing Council (WBC), had already signed a fight for the title on May 20.

But two days after Hagler's ruthless sixth-round defeat of Britain's Tony Sibson in Worcester, Massachusetts, Fletcher was out-pointed by Scypion in Atlantic City — and lost his title shot in the process. Bob Arum, who promoted both bouts, said last week that a victory by Scypion could earn him a crack at Hagler's title. But Roldan, the WBA's No. 1 contender, may be first in line. The slow-moving but hard-hitting Argentine stopped American Wilbur Henderson in the seventh round of a scheduled 10-round bout on the same bill as the Hagler-Sibson fight on Friday.

Scypion, 26, who boasts a record of 26 wins and three defeats, is ranked sixth by the WBC but is unranked by the WBA. He dictated most of the fight against Fletcher, taking full advantage of his longer reach. "Thank the stars that I was in shape and that I took this fight seriously," he said. "Now the people know what Wilford Scypion is about."

Meanwhile undefeated American Milton McCrory will meet once-beaten Colin Jones of Wales on March 19 in Reno, Nevada for

### Rescued yachtsman

#### to be flown back home

SYDNEY, Feb. 15 (AFP) — Rescued French lone yachtsman Jacques de Roux will rendezvous with the French destroyer *Henri* in the southern Pacific ocean, and be taken to Papeete, Tahiti.

The 44-year-old submarine commander from Cherbourg is then expected to fly back to France within the next week. A New Zealand amateur radio operator learned this morning of the plan to transfer de Roux to the destroyer from the British yacht, *Perseverance of Medina*, which rescued him last Friday.

*Perseverance of Medina*, sailed by Richard Broadhead, is also an entrant in the BOC Single-Handed Around the World Yacht race. The radio call from Broadhead indicated that de Roux's boat *Skier III* was on the verge of sinking when he dragged the skipper from the boat.

De Roux, who abandoned his 12.5 meter (40 feet) cutter with only the clothes he was wearing, is in good condition but still suffering from fatigue caused by almost three days of frantic efforts to keep his boat afloat.

Broadhead said *Skier III* was holed when it was completely rolled in giant seas between New Zealand and Cape Horn on the 60 degree parallel south. The French yachtsman reported waves of between 15-20 meters (50 to 65 feet) at the height of the storm, which luckily calmed down before the rescue attempt.

De Roux lost all radio contact with the fleet

and was unaware that Broadhead had begun his 320 mile (515 kms) dash south until he spotted the British boat coming alongside for the pickup. The French naval base in Papeete despatched the *Henri* last Friday to assist in the rescue operations when grave fears were held for De Roux's safety. Broadhead will continue the race, now in its third-leg from Sydney to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

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## Saronni pips Hinault to the post

MILAN, Feb. 15 (AFP) — Giuseppe Saronni of Italy beat his arch-rival Bernard Hinault of France in their six-event challenge during the Milan Six Days Cyling event here.

The Italian world champion won two of the final three events late on Monday night to overcome the four-times Tour de France winner by the narrowest of margins. After the first set of three events on Sunday night, the two were evenly matched with five points apiece, and Monday night Saronni won the speed trial and the pursuit against Hinault's victory in the 1,000 meters dash, when he left Saronni in his wake 0.65 sec. adrift.

McCormick is ranked first by the WBC, while Jones is ranked third behind American Donald Curry, who won the vacant World Boxing Association (WBA) welterweight title Sunday night with a unanimous 15-round decision over Ju Soo Hwang of South Korea. Both the WBA and WBC titles became vacant when undisputed champion Sugar Ray Leonard of the U.S. retired last November.

The contest will be held on March 19 after all. The date and venue were confirmed by promoter Don King.

The contest was a cliff-hanger to the end for after Saronni had won the speed trial, Hinault replied with his 1,000 meters victory, to level the scores at eight points everything hinging on the pursuit.

At one point Hinault took a 2.45 sec. lead over the early laps, but Saronni struck back convincingly to win the race, and the challenge, with a 2.41 sec. advantage and an average speed of 46.56 km per hour.

## With devastating spell

## Ravi Ratnayake restricts Tasmania

DEVONPORT, Tasmania, Feb. 15 (Agencies) — A devastating 16-over spell by paceman Ravi Ratnayake helped Sri Lanka gain a 98-run lead over Tasmania by the end of the second day's play here Tuesday.

At the close, with one day to go, Sri Lanka were 76 for three in their second innings after Tasmania had declared their first innings at 199 for seven, 22 runs behind Sri Lanka's first innings declaration of 221 for seven.

Both teams had agreed on early declarations if necessary in the hope of achieving a definite result. Tasmania had intended to declare at tea and had been aiming to amass close to 250 runs but their plans went astray when Ratnayake captured three wickets in the space of 18 deliveries immediately after lunch to send the state side crashing to 110 for six.

Before lunch Ravi Ratnayake had dismissed Tasmania's Nick Allanby, caught by Fernando at point, following the example of 18-year-old Rumesh Ratnayake, who had removed both the Tasmanian openers in his first two overs of the morning without conceding a run. Ravi finished with the outstanding figures of four for 34 from 16 overs and Rumesh two for 34 from 19 overs.

Tasmania managed to move closer than had earlier looked possible to the Sri Lankan total, due in no small measure to a brilliant 53

from skipper Roger Woolley, made in 80 minutes and including five fours.

Sri Lanka made a shaky start to their second innings with Susil Fernando (19) and Yohan Gunasekera (7) both back in the pavilion by the time the score had reached 40. Fernando, hero of the first innings, was dropped at third slip on one and was eventually out attempting to hook Faulkner but clipped an edge down the legside and the ball flew straight into wicket-keeper Woolley's gloves.

Gunasekera edged a straightforward chance to first slip and was snapped up by Tasmania's England international import Roland Butcher. Opener Mithra Wettimunayake and acting captain Roy Dias set about rectifying the situation for Sri Lanka adding 31 runs before Dias went for 25, made in 36 minutes and including four fours.

Sri Lanka opted to send in night-watchman Roger Wijesuriya with 25 minutes play remaining, and by the close he was still there with one, and Wettimunayake, who had batted cautiously throughout the session was on 24.

Dias said later he intended setting Tasmania 250 runs to win on the last day of the tourists' three day tie at the Oval. But

because he wants to give his spinners a "long workout" he will probably not declare his side's second innings until about an hour and a half.

before tea.

Told of Dias' intentions, Tasmanian captain Woolley said: "It's a very hard target once his setting us, but we'll certainly have a go at it. The wicket is playing a bit unevenly now and nearly all the batsmen struggled on it Tuesday."

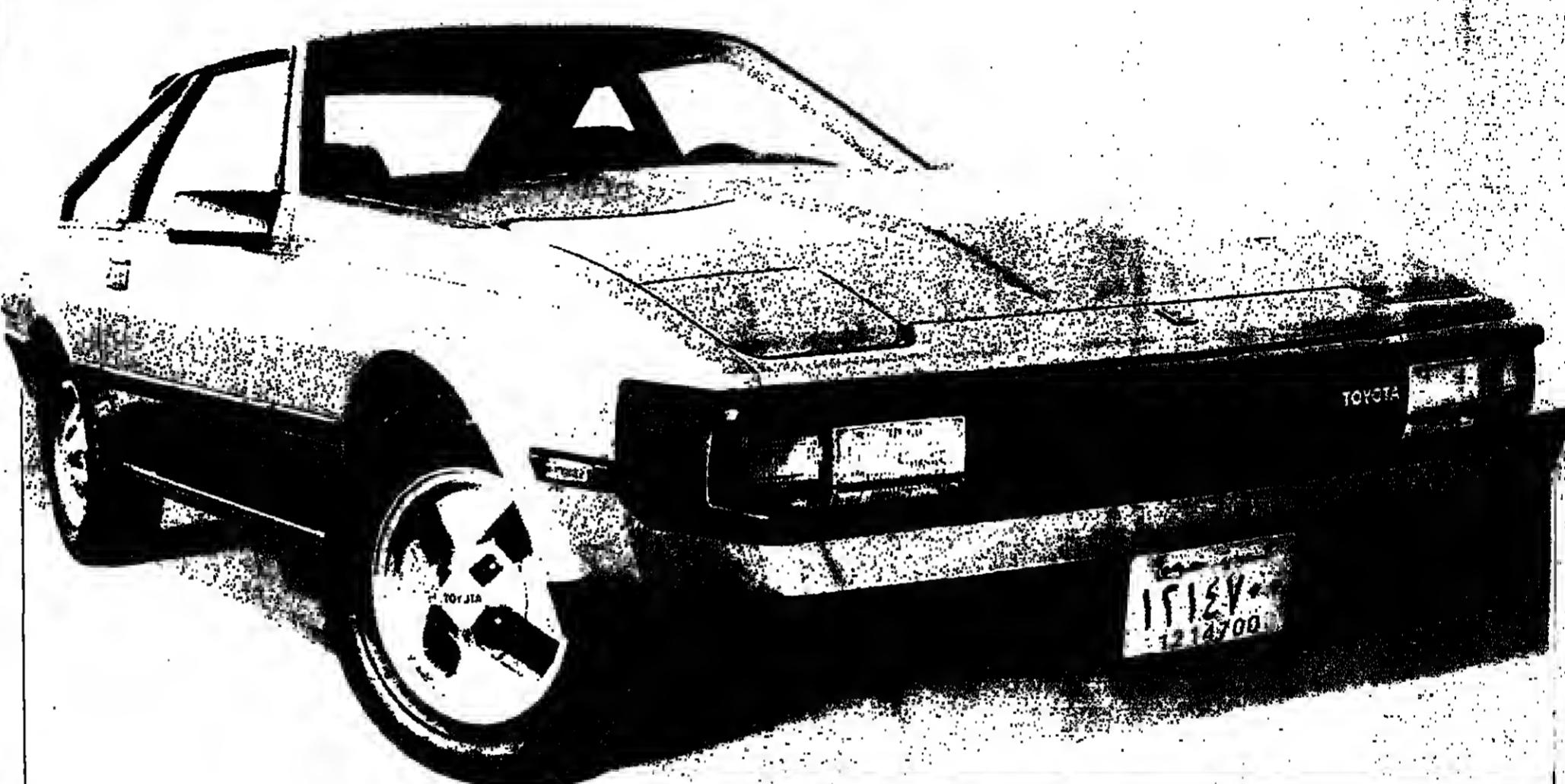
Holding for Derbyshire

Meanwhile, West Indian fast bowler Michael Holding has accepted Derbyshire's offer to play for them next season once his international duties in the World Cup competition in England are completed. Derbyshire put their offer to Holding last week and he notified them Monday that he was keen to join them. The 29-year-old Jamaican played for Lancashire in 1981 and last season.

Chief executive Roger Pearson said: "We are thrilled to get a positive response and hope to get a one-season contract completed as soon as possible." Derbyshire have two other registered overseas players in New Zealand's John Wright and South Africa's Peter Kirsten, but neither will be available for County duties in the new season.

Kirsten has indicated he will remain in South Africa to pursue business interests, while Wright will be involved with New Zealand, first in the World Cup and then on the tour which follows.

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## Hooper aces way past Hocevar

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, Feb. 15 (AP) — Chip Hooper served 22 aces Monday night as he beat Brazilian Marcos Hocevar in the opening round of the \$315,000 U.S. National Indoor Tennis Championships.

The 6-foot-6 Hooper (1.98 m), who jumped last year from 265th in the world to 24th, ousted Hocevar 7-6, 6-7, 6-4, ending the match with an ace. Earlier, two young Frenchmen, Henri Leconte and Guy Forget, captured their first-round matches, while the Gianninvala brothers went their separate ways.

In late matches, Eddie Dihbs eliminated Harold Solomon 6-1, 3-6, 6-4, India's Vijay Amritraj stopped Chris Lewis of New Zealand 6-4, 6-7, 6-1, Australia's Paul McNamee defeated John Sadri 6-2, 6-4; Mel Purcell eliminated Sweden's Hans Simonsson 4-6, 6-2, 6-4, and Jan Gunnarson of Sweden topped Eric Fromm 6-2, 6-3.

Leconte, a member of the French Davis Cup team that lost to the United States in the Cup final in November, eliminated hard-serving Victor Amaya 6-4, 3-6, 7-5. Forget, who just turned 18 last month and finished second in the U.S. Open Junior championships last September, ousted Tim Mayotte 7-6, 6-4.

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Shyamala Amritraj sat demurely in the stands watching her husband, Vijay, play in his first tennis tournament in 2 1/2 months. It was also her first tennis match ever.

"I'm kind of excited that I won," said Amritraj. "I think I served well and it was a good first match for me. You have to beat him. He doesn't lose matches."

Meanwhile, at an age when many athletes are considering retirement, Jimmy Connors is playing some of the best tennis of his life. "If I didn't think I could be No. 1, I wouldn't be out there playing," said the 30-year-old American. "I'll play as long as I'm having fun, and as long as I can be one of the top players."

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"Sometimes it's tough to get ready, but I'm not like (Bjorn Borg)," said Connors, referring to the 26-year-old Swede who recently announced his retirement from tennis saying he no longer found the competition enjoyable. "I play tennis for two reasons. Firstly, it's my business, my living. Secondly, I love playing."

In Chicago, third-ranked Andrea Jaeger, seeded No. 2 easily defeated Catherine Tanguer 6-0, 6-1 Monday on the opening day of the \$10,000 Virginia Slims Championships of Chicago at the International Amphitheater.

In other opening action, fifth-seeded Wendy Turnbull beat Leslie Allen 6-2, 6-2. Seventh-seeded Bettina Bunge defeated Mary Lou Piatrek 7-6 (tiebreak 7-5), 6-4; Jo Durie upset eighth-seeded Mima Jausovec 6-4, 8-5; Michelle Torres defeated Sue Barker 6-3, 6-4 and Helena Sukova beat Bonnie Gadusek 6-0, 6-3.

In first-round doubles action, defending Virginia Slims champion Martina Navratilova, the world's top-ranked woman player, teamed with Pam Shriver to defeat Bonnie Gadusek and Wendy White 6-4, 6-1. Navratilova, who did not play in singles competition Monday, is seeking a record sixth straight win in Chicago.

**Hyatt Touch of Class tastes mixed fortunes in Softball**

PARIS, Feb. 15 (AFP) — The quirks of the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) computer this week robbed John McEnroe of his world No. 1 ranking and replaced him with fellow-American Jimmy Connors, although neither man played in Grand Prix tournaments.

The ATP computer works on a yearly cycle and automatically effaces the 53rd week from its calculations. Last year, the Memphis Grand Prix, which started Tuesday took place one week earlier.

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So narrow is the gap at the top that McEnroe is pushed to No. 3 behind Connors and Lendl. The other top ten move from Frenchman Yannick Noah, who was knocked out in the second round at Memphis and by the same rule, moves from nine to a highest-ever seven.

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In the Oasis League, Raytheon ADI won two. They started the week by beating their family rival, Raytheon R&R, in a hard fought battle, 14-10. After that victory they proceeded on to what appeared to be much easier meat in the person of PCS.

However, PCS was not impressed and battled with pugnacity and puissance until they

### How they stand

"A" Division		Oasis League			
		W	L	RF	RA
Lockheed 1	17	6	206	115	
Killer Bees	17	6	242	101	
Meridien Vets	13	5	213	89	
BD All Stars	14	8	185	145	
Pan Am White Eagles	3	21	92	308	
"B" Division		Wadi Division			
Raytheon R&R	13	3	171	105	
Cop of Eng.	11	8	180	128	
Pan Am	8	6	139	129	
Sogex	9	7	141	151	
ICAO	8	7	188	108	
Whitaker	2	14	102	181	
MOPCI	1	14	71	210	

### White captures LPGA Classic

SARASOTA, Florida, Feb. 15 (AP) — Donna White, battling tricky winds gusting up to 25 mph (40 kph), fired a four-under-par 68 Monday and captured the rain-delayed \$175,000 LPGA Sarasota Classic by one stroke over Alice Miller, Joanne Carter, and Nancy Lopez.

White's four-round total of 284 was four-under-par on the 16,128-yard Bent Tree Golf and Racquet Club Course and gave the former University of Florida player her third career victory and first in three years. White, who won the Florida Lady Citrus and the Coca-Cola Classic in 1980, pulled into a tie with Miller with a hirde on the 14th hole and took the lead when Miller bogeyed the par three, 140-yard 17th.

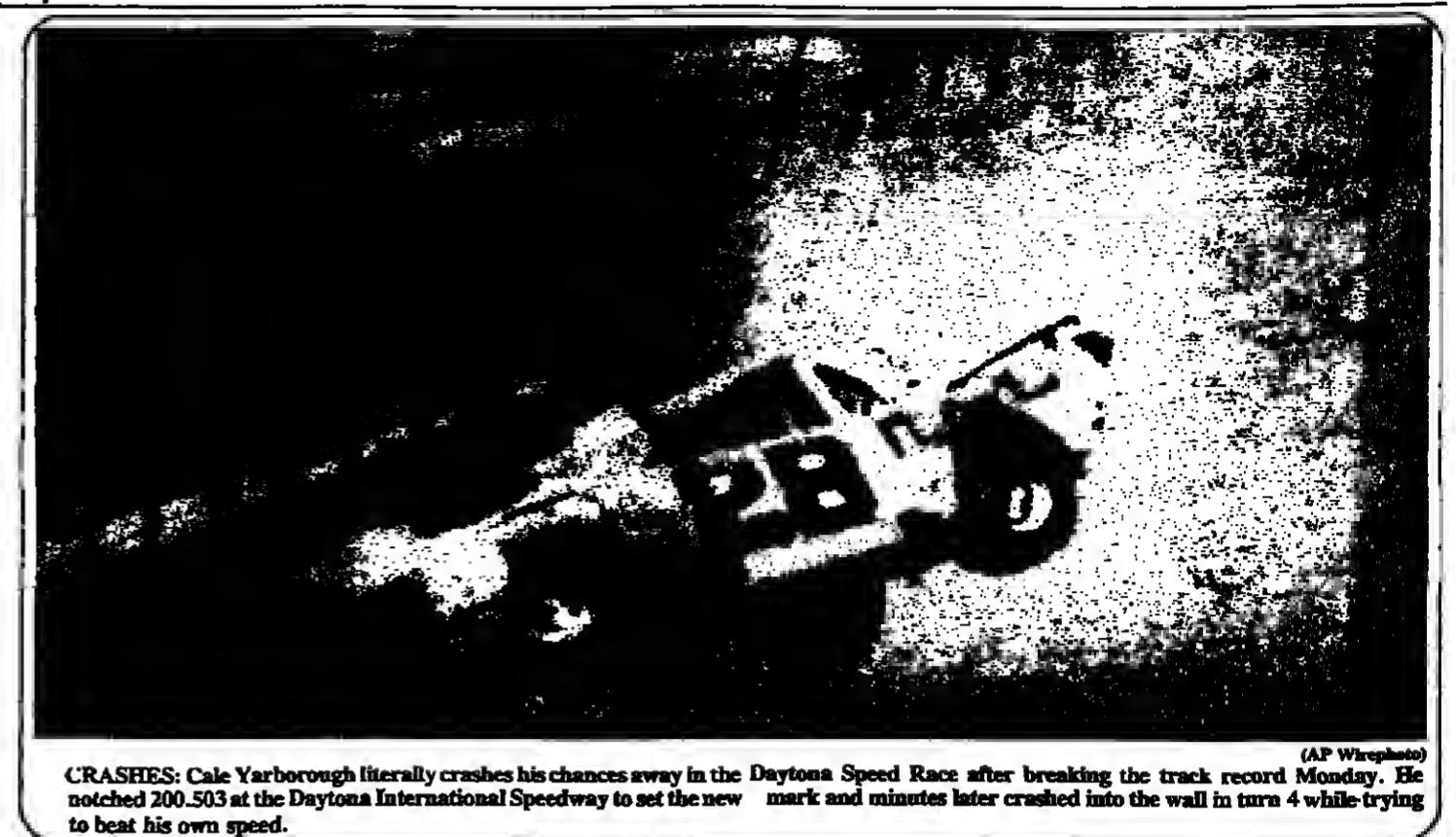
Miller, chasing her first professional victory, finished at three-under, 285 in a tie with Carter and Lopez, who was trying to become the youngest \$1 million winner on the tour. Kathy Postlewait was two shots back at 286. White.

### Karpov records win

LINARES, Feb. 15 (AFP) — World champion Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union inflicted the first defeat on Hungarian Gyula Sax at the International Chess Tournament here Monday.

Sax, who won both of his opening games at the event failed to contain the champion who, thanks to his victory over the Hungarian, is now in fourth place with a game in hand and just half-a-point behind the leaders.

A draw against Soviet opponent Efim Geller was enough, to enable Ulf Andersson of Sweden to share the leadership with Sax on two points.



CRASHES: Dale Yarborough literally crashes his chances away in the Daytona Speed Race after breaking the track record Monday. He notched 200.503 at the Daytona International Speedway to set the new mark and minutes later crashed into the wall in turn 4 while trying to beat his own speed.

### During 1984 Olympics

## Tight security on cards in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15 (Agencies) — Police and private security officers will provide security at the 1984 Olympic Games, an official said.

Diane R. Baker, an assistant director of security for the Games, declined to reveal how big the security contingent would be, but he indicated that the number of officers at the Los Angeles Games probably will exceed the 17,000 who worked at the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal.

Baker told a gathering of Los Angeles County reserve peace officers that their help would be needed during the Games. Sworn law enforcement officers "will have the more difficult tasks," he said, while private security officers will be assigned to fixed posts such as gates and locker rooms.

Baker said the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee already has signed a contract with the Los Angeles Police Department and will soon have a contract with the County Sheriff's Department.

The coins, the first-ever Olympic commemoratives minted in the United States, are expected to raise as much as \$200 million to be divided evenly between the U.S. and Los Angeles Olympic committees. The silver dollars are the first 90 percent silver coins minted in the United States since 196

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## SIDON OCCUPATION

The occupation of Sidon by the Israeli-backed militia of Maj. Saad Haddad does not come as a surprise to observers who now believe that the Israeli "surrogate" is just bidding its master's orders.

It also coincides with the departure of Israeli Defense Minister Sharon. It may well have been his last official act to order Maj. Haddad and his gang of paid cutthroats and murderers to enter Sidon. Those who believe that the departure of Sharon or even for that matter Begin, will alter the Israeli enemy's expansionist racist and militant policies are wrong. Israel now controls Lebanon thanks to United States arms, and votes in the United Nations.

A drama is being enacted there. Philip Habib is supposedly "trying" to get the Israelis out of Lebanon and, while he's doing that, the Israelis are annexing more land and forcibly evicting Arabs out of their hearths and homes in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Lukewarm appeals by the U.S. government are made to pull the wool over Arab eyes. These appeals have fallen on deaf ears as the Israeli monsters, their appetite whetted by fresh blood, are in no mood to listen to their master in Washington. A classic Frankenstein case.

The Arabs are at a loss and confused as many others are when it comes to the unpredictable policies of the United States.

They should not be. For when it comes to Israel, the U.S. policy remains rigid. In the eyes of the United States, Israel can never do any wrong and even if it did, an Israeli commission can always redeem the country's honor.

Since Israeli honor has been redeemed, Israel may prolong withdrawal of its troops from Lebanon and as yet there is no tangible pressure by the U.S. on it to withdraw. Meanwhile, the Arabs can wait.

## Saudi Arabian press review

Saudi Arabian newspapers Tuesday boped that the Palestine National Council would unanimously adopt the Arab peace plan as it is a solid basis for achieving a just and durable settlement in the Middle East.

Okaz said the whole world hopes Palestinian leaders, currently meeting in Algeria, will agree on a unified political strategy that can meet their demands within existing Arab and international possibilities. It expected the council would emerge with "practical resolutions that can ensure the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people to self-determination and an independent state."

The paper urged Palestinian and Arab leaders to drop their marginal differences and adopt a clear-cut political strategy ensuring a just settlement of the Palestinian problem and the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The paper stressed the need for coordination between the Arab peace plan adopted at the Fez summit and other peace initiatives but with a commitment to the "basic points of the Arab peace formula."

Al-Nadwa noted the world was expecting the council to have a decisive say on ensuring an independent Palestinian policy-making and Palestinian-Jordanian relations, which had been greatly strengthened during the Israeli



## U.S.-European rifts darken economic summit prospects

By William Drostik

ambassador here puts it, of "trying to hold our nose and survive it."

Continuing sharp differences between the United States and its Western European allies over East-West trade policy and farm export subsidies are again raising trans-Atlantic tensions and darkening hopes for a successful Western economic summit in Williamsburg, Virginia, in May.

The Reagan administration, as host for the seven-nation meeting, would like to avoid the squabbles that marred last year's summit at Versailles and demonstrate unity in the alliance at a time when massive protests may gather momentum against the West's planned deployment of nuclear missiles in five European countries later this year. But disagreements over the nature of East-West trade and agriculture seem so intractable that the summit may become an exercise, as a Western

BRUSSELS — The Reagan administration is looking into the strategic dimensions of trade with the Soviet Union while the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development is studying dependence of the allies on Soviet gas. A third group, the Paris-based Coordinating Committee or "COCOM," is seeking ways to control the spread of high technology and prevent sophisticated equipment

from going to the Soviet Union.

U.S. and European officials also expressed concern that a growing conflict over subsidies to dispose of butter, wheat and poultry surpluses accumulated by American and European farmers could become so intense by May that talk of a trade war could dominate the summit. Faced with record foreclosures of U.S. farms and angry demands for action by members of Congress, the administration has started to retaliate against the Europeans for selling farm products below world market prices.

Last week, the United States angered the Europeans by undercutting them with a subsidized sale of 1 million tons of wheat to Egypt, one of the community's traditional markets. If the United States carries the price war into butter or other goods, European officials warned that some punitive action may be taken against \$4.5 billion worth of soybeans and other U.S. farm products that enter

the community duty-free.

(Leonard Doyle of *The Guardian* reported that Edith Cresson, the French agriculture minister, said the community would sell subsidized farm produce to Latin American countries if the United States went ahead with a planned sale of subsidized butter to Egypt.)

During his trip in December, Secretary of State George P. Shultz sought repeatedly to portray the breach with Europe as having been closed and exhorted the allies to work intensively for a joint approach to East-West trade that could be sealed at the May summit. A U.S. diplomat closely involved in the preparations said, however, that even though one or two studies might be completed by that time, "it will take at least a year to achieve anything close to a common policy, and then only if the administration settles for far less than it has demanded of the Europeans."

Reagan's decision to drop sanctions in the pipeline dispute represented "a magnificent band-aid," said an ambassador, "but real differences over East-West trade have not been resolved."

The Europeans, while willing to restrict the flow of goods that carry obvious strategic value, insist that normal trade and financing arrangements with the Soviet Union should not be curtailed. Such restrictions, they argue, would not only cut off important export markets for European companies battered by a prolonged recession but also amount to declarations of economic warfare against a powerful neighbor.

The Reagan administration favors much stricter control of commerce with the East bloc and says a variety of consumer goods may unwittingly serve the purposes of the Soviet military buildup.

The Europeans counter with the argument that by such a yarstick, U.S. grain sales to the Soviet Union also provide important assistance to Moscow's military planning.

"The big problem is definition," says a European Community official. "Who is going to tell us vacuum cleaners cannot be sold to the Soviets but wheat can?" Even if the studies are finished by May, U.S. and European Community officials said they were highly dubious that any policy action would be taken at the Williamsburg meeting.

"We know that Reagan clearly wants a different meeting than Versailles, with less words and more business to reach a meeting of the mind," said European involved in the summit preparations. "But it's difficult to see how there can be concrete achievements. We think Reagan is aware of this and will settle for a friendly low-key meeting, with maybe a few small steps to show we are working together."

Despite the anxieties over East-West trade and farm subsidies that could sour the atmosphere of the summit, U.S. and European diplomats said that some lessons were learned by the failure of last year's summit that might be avoided this time. "Everybody agrees that the format followed at Versailles was simply terrible," said a European Community official. "There should be fewer prepared texts, no prearranged communiques and more substantial discussions among the government leaders. Maybe we are learning that these meetings are just not capable of solving delicate world economic problems." (WP)

## Old men cling to top positions in China

By Tony Walker

more shrivelled than she did last year. Madam Chou was reportedly ill.

Madam Ye is the prime contemporary example of an ailing Chinese leader who simply refuses to retire, despite confident predictions that at the recent party congress he would step down and thus allow Deng to revamp the Politburo standing committee. Marshal Ye even encouraged this speculation on the eve of the congress by quoting the words of a Tang dynasty poet who had written that "the phoenix chick sings sweeter than the older birds." Yet he remained on his perch in what had all the appearances of a hard-fought compromise between party moderates and conservatives, and so, too, did Deng, Li Xiannian and Chen Yun, despite the predictions that all would retire to a new panel of advisers approved by the congress.

Marshal Ye is regarded as leader of the main opposition to moderate Dengist policies. Indeed, it is rumored here that Ye is hanging on in the belief he is perhaps the only one in the "opposition" who can hope to moderate what the hard-liners consider to be dangerous Dengist excesses, such as Deng's apparent willingness to tolerate limited freedom in art and literature.

At the NPC opening, Deng appeared not at all discomfited by Ye's difficulties in performing even a ceremonial role. Deng spent much of the occasion chatting amiably with his protege, the party's general secretary, Hu Yaobang, who sat to his right. Marshal Ye, in remark on the eve of the parliamentary session, dropped what appeared to be a hint that he was about to retire from his state positions. He said in an interview with the *People's Daily*, the Communist Party newspaper: "I am 85, the future of China lies in the hands of our young people."

Chinese are perhaps wondering whether too much should be read into Marshal Ye's acknowledgment of his own mortality. (Depthnews)

## Party revolt adds to Bolivian instability

By Paul Tarr

to placate the IMF and help Bolivia meets its obligations to international banks.

Faced with negative growth, inflation of over 200 percent a year, no foreign reserves and an external debt close to \$4 billion, Zuazo last November introduced an economic package aimed at paving the way for an agreement with the IMF for a standby credit facility. According to finance ministry officials, the country has no choice but to appease international aid organizations if it is to obtain badly-needed loans while, at the same time, satisfying existing creditors — especially a consortium of foreign banks to which it must repay a total of \$135 million by April.

As is now apparent, the price of this external assistance has been high in terms of the continued support for the government from workers, unions and political allies. Crucial to the president's economic package were steep rises in the price of petrol, transport and most everyday necessities. Subsidies to the dominant state-owned sector were drastically cut and the minimum wage increased by a mere 30 percent instead of the 150 percent demanded by the unions.

After surviving the threat of an all-out national strike came the news that the MIR was pulling out.

Several unsuccessful attempts at reconciliation have been made by the president and the country's Communist Party, the PCB, which is the third largest member of the coalition. Observers in La Paz regard a new pact as increasingly unlikely and point ominously to divisions inside the MNRI itself as a source of further instability for the beleaguered regime.

Zuazo is reported to be increasingly concerned over divergences between the "traditional," more conservative wing of his own party and the younger MIR who make up the "radical" leftist wing of the MNRI.

The U.S. which resumed economic aid to Bolivia in October, is known to be alarmed at reports circulating in the capital that Zuazo is losing control to the radicals. Worried about the inclusion of two Communist Party members in the cabinet, the U.S. is feared, will slowly tighten the noose on Bolivia's tottering economy by reducing aid and opposing future credit from the IMF and other international agencies unless the president is able to curb the influence of his more left-wing supporters and resolve present internal differences within his government. (LOS)

## Letters to the editor

### 'TV of Qur'an Karim'

### Jeddah-Bombay flights

Sir,  
I request the authorities to set up a special television which will be known as 'Television of Qur'an Karim' just as 'Radio of Qur'an Karim.' All the programs should be the same as Saudi Arabian Radio of Qur'an Karim.

Abdul-Salam Iba Yusuf,  
Makkah

timings and make Bombay arrival around 5 p.m. as before.

I also take this opportunity to draw the attention of the Saudi authorities toward a long-standing desire of Indian passengers to have at least weekly two non-stop Jeddah-Bombay flights.

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Jeddah

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 16, the 47th day of 1983. There are 318 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1666 — Holland signs treaty of alliance with Great Elector of Brandenburg.

1808 — France invades Spain.

1871 — Franco-Prussian War ends in defeat for France.

1934 — Britain and Soviet Union sign trade pact.

1942 — German submarines fire upon oil refineries in Aruba, Dutch West Indies, in World War II.

1943 — Soviet troops recapture Kharkov from Germans in World War II.

1953 — South Africa institutes emergency powers under Public Safety Bill.

1959 — Fidel Castro becomes premier of Cuba.

1962 — Anti-government riots break out in Georgetown, British Guiana.

1978 — Moscow says Arab states will get "necessary support" from Soviet Union in their conflict with Israel.

1978 — Japan and China sign \$20-billion trade pact in Peking.

1980 — U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim prepares to name panel to investigate alleged crimes committed by ousted Shah of Iran.

Thought for today:

Few people get up bright and early, but most of us just get up early — Anonymous.

An interview with *Al-Khobar* veteranBy Jean Grant  
*AlKhobar Bureau*

ALKHOBAR — Still sprightly in his eighties, Muhammad Almana — interpreter at the court of King Abdul Aziz ibn Saud, businessman and historian — surveys his aseptic new domain happily. "All this hospital is my office," he says, indicating the Alkhobar hospital which bears his name. This is the setting as Almana settles down to tell *Arab News* of King and the country, and the dream of health for all in their own land.

His story begins as an 8-year-old lad when his father took him from his birthplace, Zubair, Iraq, to Bombay, India, where the elder Almana was one of the leading racehorse owners, partner with *raja*s and *maharajahs*. The young Muhammad was sent to study in Jesuit schools, spending half the year in Bombay and the other half in Pune. He quickly picked up Hindustani, Urdu and English and found himself sought out as an interpreter.

"People from the Gulf came to Bombay for treatment," Almana recalls. "Since these patients knew neither English nor Urdu, they were directed to me for help. I was 11 or 12 years old at the time. I would translate and they would give me a cup of tea for my help. When I was 15 and 16 years old, they were still coming in great numbers. So I asked them, 'you Arabs, why do you come here? Why don't you get treated in your country?'

"Muhammad, we don't have any doctors," they would reply.

"I decided then and there that, given the opportunity, if I was a success in my life, I'd make a hospital or a medical college if possible."

Muhammad Almana was very definitely a success in his life, and as the gleaming marble-white facade of the 200-bed Almana General Hospital proves, he has seen his childhood dream realized. To understand how that came to be, we must go back a bit in the story.

Almana was fortunate enough to meet two of Ibn Saud's ministers when they were in Basra and was appointed chief translator for the King's court in 1926. Shortly after his appointment came the moment Almana remembers as the most moving in his life, when he and the King prayed in the mosque, side by side.

As chief translator for the next decade, he accompanied the King on all his expeditions, enduring the fierce heat of the sun, the thirst, and the biting insects of the desert alongside the redoubtable monarch. Almana was party to everything there was to be party to, especially oil matters. He was familiar with



Muhammad Almana

## Wheels of justice move slowly in Japan

By Jim Abcam

TOKYO (AP) — When former Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka was arrested in July 1976 on charges of accepting bribes in the Lockheed payoff scandal, he was a vigorous 58. Now 64 and graying, he still may face years of court battles before Japan's most spectacular postwar trial draws to an end.

In Japan, where the wheels of justice often turn slowly, one's day in court can turn into a lifetime experience.

On Jan. 26, six years after the first of 184 hearings, prosecutors at the Tokyo district court demanded a five-year prison term for Tanaka, who is accused of accepting \$2 million in bribes from the U.S. aircraft company. A verdict is not expected for nine months, and with a guilty ruling certain to be appealed to higher courts, it is possible that Tanaka could still be waiting for a decision on his 70th birthday.

Court officials contend that on the whole, trials in Japan are not much longer than in other countries. Aided by the nation's low crime rate, criminal courts settle cases in an average of four months, while the average civil court case is concluded in 12 months.

However, with the Japanese becoming more sophisticated about legal processes and social problems becoming more complicated, trials that drag on for years have become commonplace.

In January, after 10 years of testimony, the defense made its final argument before the Tokyo district court in a trial against nine leftists accused of bombing attacks in 1969-71.

In December, another district court, after 43 hearings over 5 1/2 years, awarded damages to residents of a small central Japan town that was flooded when river embankments burst in September 1976.

At the Tokyo high court a compromise was reached on compensation to a Tokyo resident who lost three sons in a crash of a U.S. Navy jet fighter 18 years before.



Kakuei Tanaka

"Japanese traditionally go to court as a last resort," said former Tokyo University Law Professor Akira Mikazuki, "so issues taken to court tend to be very complicated."

Mikazuki, who now has his own law practice, said the side effects of progress, such as pollution and the misuse of medical drugs, create the longest legal tangles. According to supreme court records, pollution and malpractice cases average 40 months, three times the average for civil cases.

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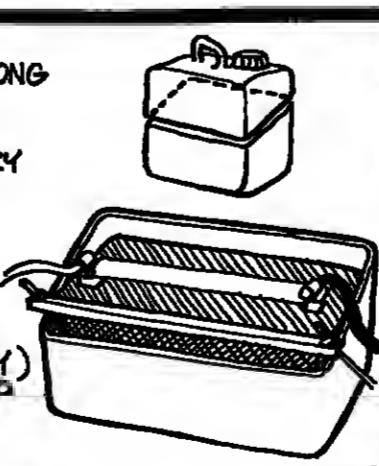
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MAKE A STRONG LEAK-PROOF CRADLE FOR YOUR BATTERY BY CUTTING A POLYTHENE 4 GALLON CONTAINER (OR OTHER SIZE TO SUIT YOUR BATTERY) WITH A SHARP KNIFE.



## Another Look

### Columnist almost conquers computer

By Robert Yeakum

What is happening? I have read, but do not necessarily believe, that while rotating at several hundred RPMs the disk tells a minuscule "chip" that has to act as a "word processor," i.e. to process words.

5. I sit back and wait for the tranquilizer to take effect.

6. Meanwhile, a "menu" has appeared on the screen in green phosphorescent print. It is called a menu because, like the list you are handed in a restaurant, it gives you a choice. Unlike the restaurant menu, however, it does not have anything I really want. There is no equivalent of Peking duck.

7. Can't read menu. It is blurred. Look for fine tuning knob, but remember this isn't TV screen.

8. Realize nature of problem. Go to get glasses.

9. Sit down again. I have been programmed by my assistant, Bonnie Sheldon, to push "(a)" for "typing tasks." An insistent flashing arrow in lower left-hand corner, known as a "prompter," points to message: "INSERT DISKETTE 2AEAJA."

10. Remove first floppy disk and put in other one. Prompter says "WRONG DISKETTE. INSERT 2AEAJA."

11. Look to see whether Bonnie is watching. She is busy, or pretending to be busy. Insert correct diskette. More whirs, clicks, and bums, followed by another menu. I have been programmed to push "(a)" again, which is "create document."

12. Prompter says "type document name." I type "ODDJOB." Then another menu appears that I don't understand, but I was programmed to ignore it and press "enter." Do so. Prompter asks for another diskette.

13. Put in diskette and type column, in the course of which I reluctantly call on Bonnie for assistance several times because prompter says things like "CANNOT REMOVE PAGE END" or "DELETE WHAT?" "INVALID KEY," "REMOVE WHAT?" and "YOU ARE IN NON-TYPING AREA."

14. Now comes the hard part. Essential to stay cool.

The column has to be transmitted to Associated Press in New York. This involves use of another programming diskette (too complex to describe), a code at the top of the column (too complex to describe), a "modem" that mysteriously puts my words in a form that allows their passage through telephone wires, and other procedures too complex to describe.

15. Take walk around office. Come back, bit "off" switch by mistake, and column disappears from screen. Try "find" key. Nothing. Try "get" key. Nothing. Have I wiped out column? Hate to put question to Bonnie. Walk some more.

16. Finally put question to Bonnie. She shakes head wearily, confirms that I have wiped out column, and suggests I write it again on typewriter, which I do. She then types it on computer and sends it to New York, all in the space of perhaps half an hour.

17. I go to bathroom. Don't want Bonnie to see me crying.

### China's Round River has Orwellian touch

By Michael Weisskopf

The regulation also has served as a tool for locking up Chinese considered too close to foreigners. Li Shuang, the avant-garde artist who lived with her French fiance, is serving a two-year re-education term in one of Peking's three camps.

No such celebrities were said to be residing at Round River, however. Liu, a beefy man dressed in his white, high-collared bureau uniform, insisted there were no "political offenders" or inmates who had "unhealthy" contacts with foreigners.

Liu's breakdown of Round River's 2,410 residents, all male — who he called "persons looking after the farm" — suggests an arbitrary system of sentencing, with anti-social elements and bicycle thieves all serving between one and three years.

Most of the "farm attendants" had been charged with stealing, he said. About a third fell into a catchall category called "bogusism," which included gang fighters and others. A few were serving time for blackmail, gambling and smuggling.

Although they sound a bit like reform schools for wayward youth in the West, re-education centers here contain inmates of all ages. At Round River, 16-year-old men shared dormitories with 60-year-old men.

Round River's guards are instructed to treat the inmates sternly but fairly — "like doctors treat patients with infections," said Liu. "We try to use civilized measures. We have very strict discipline, but corporal punishment is strictly forbidden and we are not allowed to curse."

Nevertheless, 40 inmates escaped from the camp in the first half of last year, he said. All were caught, brought back and forced to stay longer as punishment. As a showplace呈堂, Round River offers a sharp contrast to the type of concentration camps described in first-hand accounts by former inmates. According to interviews here and published stories abroad, China operates penal colonies similar to those in the Soviet Union, where food is scarce, labor hard and beatings common.

Even Round River might be less idyllic than depicted for foreign correspondents, according to a former inmate, 26, who said he had spent a year there for fraternizing with a foreigner. "If you didn't want to be a model Communist, mouth off all the ridiculous slogans, then they'd beat you up," he said, displaying wrist wounds he said were from manacles.

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## Trade war with U.S. looms -- Lambsdorff

BONN, Feb. 15 (R) — West German Economics Minister Otto Lambsdorff said the U.S. should not adopt protectionist trade policies and said the settlement of recent disputes has not disposed of potential new clashes with Europe.

Addressing the German-American Chamber of Commerce in New York, in a speech released in Bonn, Lambsdorff reminded the U.S. of its agreement at the last "Tokyo round" GATT negotiations in 1979 not to undermine the European Economic Community's common agricultural policy.

He said in view of its \$6.8 billion agricultural trade surplus with the EEC, the U.S. should consider the threat to subsidize farm exports.

Lambsdorff said the U.S. should also think again about its plans to limit speciality steel imports.

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## Another U.S. bank goes bust this year

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (AP) — The United American Bank of Knoxville collapsed Monday, the fourth bank failure in the United States since Jan. 1, and federal regulators are expecting many more such collapses before the year is out.

There were 42 failures in all of last year, the highest level since 1940, when 43 banks closed.

William Isaac, head of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., said recently that he expects the failure pace this year "to be at least as busy" as in 1982.

Regulators attribute the surge in failures — there were only 10 in 1981 — to the stagnant economy and high interest rates, which analysts say have made it harder for some borrowers to repay loans.

The measures, which will affect 10 products, were agreed in Tokyo at the weekend by a delegation led by the community's commissioners in charge of external relations and industry.

## Economic crisis said spreading

BAGHDAD, Feb. 15 (R) — Asian members of the Group of 77 ended a preparatory meeting for the sixth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) with a gloomy view of the world economic situation.

Ministers attending the three-day session expressed their "serious concern" that the economic crisis which began in the developed countries has assumed global dimensions enveloping all regions, thus contributing further to the deterioration in the already negative trends in international relations.

## U.S. farm exports to Jamaica total \$ 20m

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (AP) — The U.S. Agriculture Department announced on Monday the sale of \$20.5 million in U.S. commodities to Jamaica under the second phase of President Ronald Reagan's blended-credit program to expand U.S. farm exports.

The Jamaican sale covers \$4.4 million in corn, \$1.3 million in rice, \$7.5 million in soybeans, \$800,000 in wheat flour and \$6.5 million in lumber.

It is being financed by \$4.1 million in direct, interest-free federal credits and another \$16.4 million in government-backed loans from commercial banks.

The second phase of the blended credit program, announced by Reagan last Jan. 11, totals \$250 million in direct, interest-free federal loans and another \$1 billion in government loan guarantees. The first phase, announced last October, totaled \$100 million in direct government loans and \$400 million in guarantees.

It was through the blended credit program that the U.S. last month sold one million metric tons of wheat flour to Egypt, recapturing the lion's share of the market that was being dominated by the French.

## Processing plant set up

### Coconut coir a waste no more in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, Feb. 15 (Depthnews) — The mighty coconut is making a dent in Sri Lanka's overloaded fuel oil bill.

The promise is such that a private company, Ceylon Tobacco Company (CTC), is cashing in on the production of solid fuels — from coconut coir dust to fuel briquettes.

Ceylon Tobacco has set up a pilot coir dust processing plant in Negombo, 22 miles from here, in the vicinity of a fiber mill. The plant can turn out 4,000 kilograms of briquettes in an eight-hour working day.

The coconut is a fibrous fruit which has more of a by product in it than a product. One of its byproducts is coir dust with no one knowing how to get rid of this nuisance waste. No use, either domestic or commercial, has been found for it so far.

It is estimated that there are unwanted stockpiles dating back 40 years, coir dust disgorged by the fiber mills which discharge

something like 150,000 tons per year. Now comes the briquettes plant, the machinery designed by Sri Lankan engineers led by Jata D. Mammapperuma of the tobacco company.

Coir dust has some special problems, in that its moisture content is high (85 percent) while it has low density. Under conventional drying conditions, the material needs more fuel to dry it than the fuel item that is produced by drying it, says Mammapperuma.

But the new machinery fabricated at the pilot plant overcame these difficulties. Once the coir dust passes through these machines, including a large micing press, the briquettes come out in rounded lengths. In the thickness of a bamboo pole, the lengths can be broken up into convenient pieces for firing boilers and furnaces.

Coir dust briquettes are not as cheap as

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But Mammapperuma says that experiments have shown that coir dust briquettes could be used economically as industrial fuel, but not as a replacement for firewood. In this sense, it is the answer to the high energy costs of fuel oil and electricity.

It is ideal for small-scale industries like bakeries, laundries, brick-and tile-making works, and even in the tea industry. But its uses are not quite confined to small units with the Ceylon Tobacco Company itself using the briquettes in their curing processes. Trials have shown that the briquettes can be used as effectively as firewood in flat grate furnaces designed for firewood or coal.

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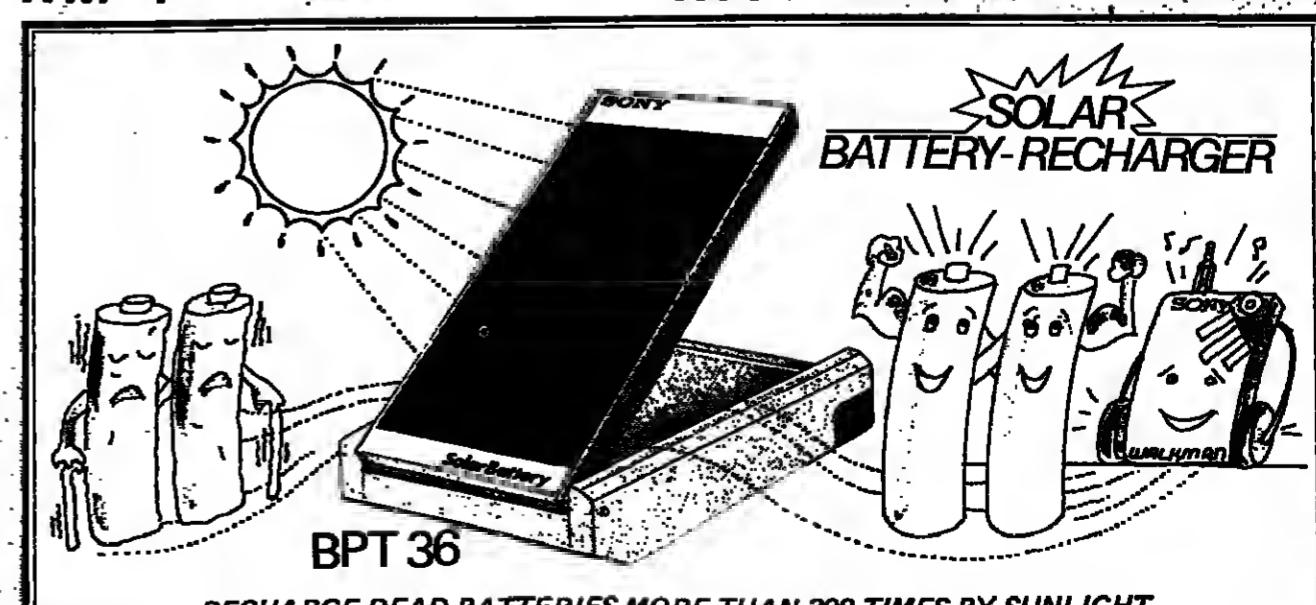


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## FDA examining cases

## 'Morning sickness' drug and birth defects

By Morton Mintz

WASHINGTON, (WP) — Lawyers filed on behalf of seven children and their parents in the U.S. allege that the children were born without arms or legs or with other grave limb deformities because their mothers took bendectin, the only government-approved drug for the "morning sickness" of early pregnancy.

Lawyers have been retained on behalf of seven more similarly deformed children and their parents. The 14 cases of severe malformations open a new chapter in a continuing controversy about whether bendectin taken in the first several weeks after conception has a cause-effect link to any of several birth defects, ranging from cleft palates to potentially fatal hernias.

The Food and Drug Administration is examining the cases but says that no evidence to date establishes causal connections. The FDA's most relentless critic, the Public Citizen Health Research Group (HRG), and the manufacturer, Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals Inc., took the same position.

"Because bendectin is widely used in pregnancy (about 20 percent of pregnant women have used it in the past), many abnormalities will occur in babies exposed to the drug,"

whether or not the drug caused them," the FDA said. The agency also urged women to read the leaflet enclosed in the package and renewed its advice that bendectin "should be used only when more conservative treatment of nausea and vomiting has failed."

In Cincinnati a Merrell Dow spokesman said that each of the 14 cases "must be looked at individually. There are variations from case to case, and no two are alike. Such things as the type of defect, when bendectin was taken, other drugs that may have been ingested and genetic factors are among those that must be examined...." "We still contend that the drug is the most tested one for pregnant women, and the accumulated human studies continue to show a lack of association between use of bendectin and an increase in birth defects," the spokesman said. Similarly, the FDA said that "two dozen studies involving exposures to bendectin during pregnancy have not shown a link between (it) and limb-reduction defects."

The chief plaintiffs' lawyer, James G. Butler of Los Angeles, pointed out that the human studies have been faulted by the FDA's own medical officers. He urged FDA Commissioner Arthur Hull Hayes Jr. to halt sales of bendectin. Butler also cited a two-month-old federally funded study indicating

that women in early pregnancy who swallowed the original bendectin tablets may have quadrupled the risk of pyloric stenosis, a birth defect of the stomach that restricts an infant's ability to eat and can cause severe dehydration and malnutrition.

Butler is a long time legal adversary of the company, having won a \$2.75 million jury award against it in 1972 for a legless child whose mother had taken thalidomide, a sedative-tranquillizer that caused thousands of such severe injuries worldwide in the 1960s. Thalidomide was "tested" but not sold here. Over the last two years, Butler said in an interview, lawyers around the country who knew of his thalidomide victory referred most of the 14 cases. He said he intends to seek compensatory and punitive damages for all of the children.

In addition, the U.S. district court in Cincinnati is conducting pre-trial proceedings in about 150 bendectin cases in which various birth defects are alleged. The parents of the 14 children — nine boys and five girls ranging in age from 3 to 20 — have released photos showing the deformities and statements about their cases to the FDA and to the *Washington Post*. At the time Butler was preparing for trial of one of the lawsuits.

The plaintiff, Anne E. Koller, 3, has no

arms, no right leg and severely deformed left leg. She was born at Walter Reed Army Medical Center here but now lives in Broken Arrow, Okla. The company, formerly a unit of Richardson-Merrell Inc., contends that "bendectin has been used safely in over 31 million pregnancies," that "there has been no proof of any increase in the incidence of birth defects associated with its use" and that "there is no evidence that it caused Anne Koller's birth defects." In addition, a company spokesman said, "there is a serious question when Mrs. Koller may have taken bendectin."

The 14 children include a girl who is missing major portions of all four limbs. Six are armless: Anne Koller, a boy with shortened thigh bones, a boy with a severely deformed left leg and Tawana Herring, 19, of Washington. Matthew Demerit, 13, of Ingleside, born without legs, played "E.T." in the movie of the same name, Butler said. Pauline Sand, 7, of Fairfield, has stubs for arms and no right leg. The company spokesman said there is "no record" that Pauline's mother took the drug.

For 20 years after bendectin went on sale in 1956, it contained a now-abandoned anti-spasm compound, a vitamin and an antihistamine called doxylamine succinate. Abroad, the company continues to sell the three-part mixture as debendox, lenotan and merbentan. Two 1981 animal studies, called "preliminary and unconfirmed" in the current official bendectin labeling, are cited in court papers filed in court by Butler. One showed a possible link between doxylamine and potentially fatal hernia in rats. The second found a hole in the heart wall of seven fetuses of monkeys given the current version of the drug, which combines doxylamine with a vitamin.

Butler also has filed animal studies indicating that doxylamine, as well as many other antihistamines and potent drugs, can damage the nerve that controls the development of an embryo's brain and spinal cord and can upset normal limb development. The studies go back to one published in 1950 by a University of California biologist.

The FDA rated bendectin "effective" in 1976 after the anti-spasm compound was dropped but had rated it "ineffective" at an earlier point. But HRG Director Sidney M. Wolfe says that FDA files contain not a single study showing bendectin to be effective as required by law.



GENE TRANSFER: Gene transfer from rats to unborn mice, in a U.S. laboratory, resulted in mice (left) that grew to twice the weight of normal mice (right). This major advance could eventually lead to an increase in world food supply through the development of larger farm animals.

## Gene transfer breakthrough

WASHINGTON — In a major advance in genetic engineering, U.S. scientists transferred a gene from rats to unborn mice, in the laboratory, resulting in mice that grew to twice the normal weight.

"This is the first time we have seen such dramatic expression of a transferred gene throughout an entire animal," says Dr. William Sadler, of the Department of Health and Human Services, which supported the research.

Important future applications of this new technology could lead to an increase in the world's food supply through the development of larger farm animals.

Scientists have speculated for some years about the possibility of transferring genes from one animal to another as a way of replacing defective or missing genes. Until now, however, there had been no indications that the transferred genes worked in a useful manner.

The critical features of the experiments was the fusion of a strong and active regulating genetic element to a useful gene. The investigators combined the gene that produces growth hormone in the rat with a regulating element from a blood protein gene of mice. This fused gene complex was transferred to fertilized mouse eggs.

The eggs containing the injected gene complex were then placed in surrogate mothers where they continued their development. A number of the injected

eggs gave rise to healthy embryos which were born after the usual gestation period. Although the newborn mice appeared normal, within the next few weeks many of them grew very rapidly and continued growing until their body weights were almost twice that of normal mice.

The accelerated growth of these animals and their large size clearly indicated that the injected genes were working in the developing mice.

Although it is not now possible to apply this technology to humans, it nevertheless has a number of important implications. The experiments show that it is possible to transfer genes from one animal to another and to have the transferred genes function in a more or less normal way. Applications of this technology to large farm animals may have practical consequences. The ability to accelerate growth rates in domestic animals could have beneficial effects by increasing the yield and quality of meat and milk.

An especially important advantage is that the injected genes should be passed in the animal's offspring which, in turn, are likely to produce large amounts of the desired gene products.

Finally, these discoveries will provide productive lines of experimentation in laboratory animals, allowing new approaches to the study of modern molecular biology which should lead to a better understanding of both congenital diseases and cancer.

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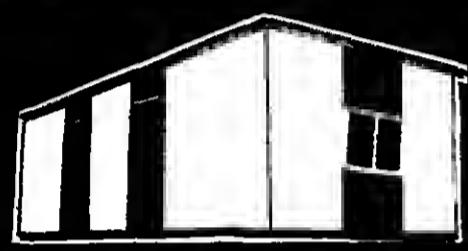
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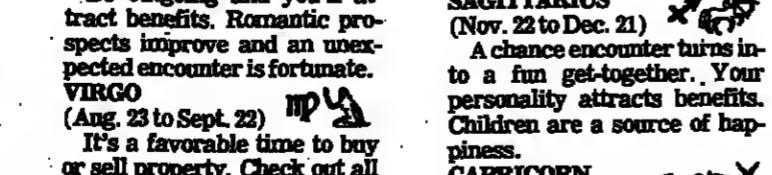
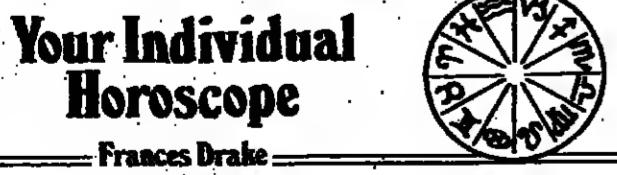
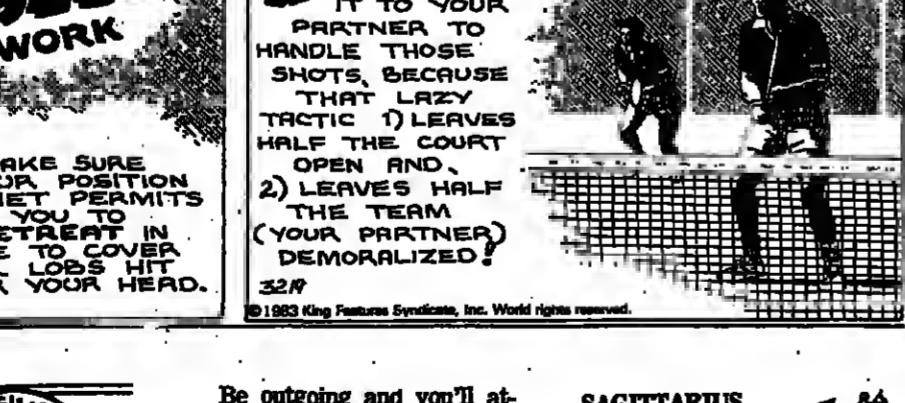
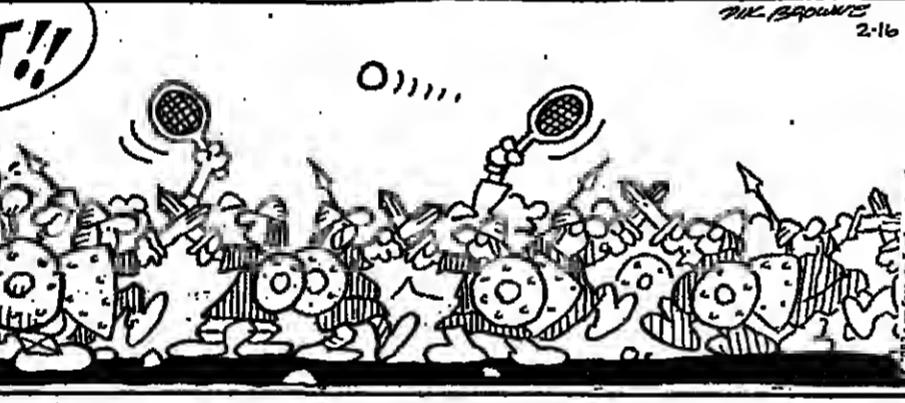
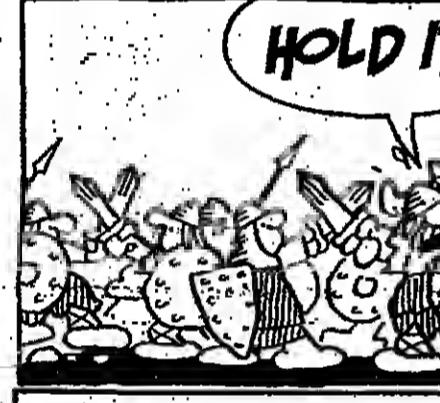
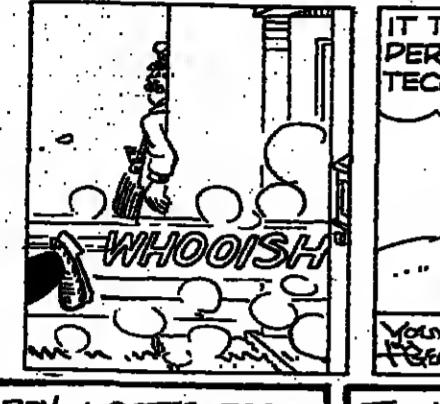
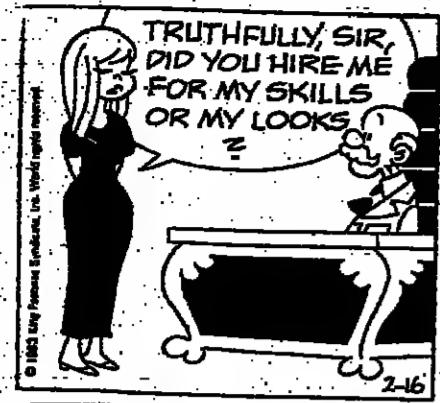
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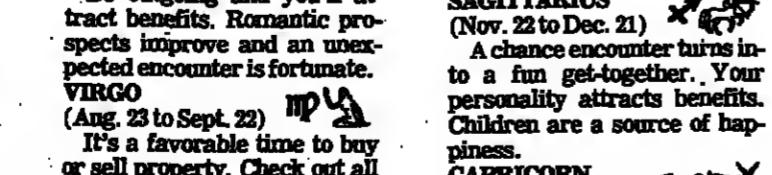
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**Officials rush to the scene**

## 100 reported slain in Assam massacre

NEW DELHI, Feb. 15 (R) — Senior officials and police Tuesday rushed to the scene of a reported massacre involving tribal gangs armed with bows, arrows and spears in India's strife-torn northeastern state of Assam.

An Assam government spokesman said in the state capital of Gauhati that the situation in the central Darrang district was under control after tribesmen went on the rampage in 15 villages last weekend. The state-run All India Radio quoted the spokesman as saying 10 bodies had been found so far and 1,000

village huts burned down.

But press reports Tuesday said at least 100 died in the massacre, about 130 kilometers northeast of Gauhati. The reports said gaangs armed with spears, machetes and bows and arrows attacked Assamese villagers and drove them from their homes in raids starting around midnight last Saturday. If the massacre figure is confirmed it will take the overall death toll in election-linked violence in past two weeks to well over 200.

The elections are bitterly opposed by Assamese political and student groups

demanding the eviction from the state of illegal immigrants, mostly Muslims from Bangladesh. The predominantly Hindu Assamese say they are in danger of being swamped by the immigrants who have been pouring into the state since the 1950s.

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's decision to call elections, which began Monday, was made after negotiations between the government and the Assamese militants broke down. Many pre-poll deaths came as police fired to disperse violent crowds attacking candidates or groups of police. At least 40

persons have died in clashes between Assamese and immigrants.

A government spokesman said tension had been high in Darrang since last Friday after an "aggressive campaign" by anti-election militants. The spokesman, quoted by the Press Trust of India news agency, said tribal groups went on the rampage Saturday following some clashes and a rumor that the son of a tribal organization election candidate had been kidnapped and murdered.

There was a counterattack on tribal villages Sunday, he said.

**Moscow visit begins today**

## Cheysson to meet Gromyko

PARIS, Feb. 15 (AFP) — Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson is to begin an official visit to the Soviet Union Wednesday as both Paris and Moscow are said to be anxious to preserve a dialogue despite major disagreements on three key issues.

Cheysson's visit, the first to Moscow of a French foreign minister since 1979, is not expected to resolve all the outstanding differences in Franco-Soviet relations as the circumstances that have provoked the divergence of views have not changed, according to one informed French source.

The foreign minister is scheduled to meet his Soviet counterpart, Andrei Gromyko. A meeting with Soviet leader Yuri Andropov — where major steps toward improving diplomatic ties could be taken — has not been officially planned. But at the same time, such an encounter has not been completely ruled out.

Observers here are also wondering if

## N-war threat growing, says U.N. chief

GENEVA, Switzerland, Feb. 15 (AP) — U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said Tuesday the threat of nuclear war is growing, but there is increasing awareness that it would be a "conflict in which there will be no winners."

Addressing the 40-nation United Nations' Disarmament Committee, he said the danger of nuclear war breaking out "seems to have increased with the advent of new weapons and their greater accuracy of delivery." But he said in public debate, "the realization is dawning that the choice is between new generations of weapons and future human generations."

"At the heart of the public movement that is now gathering strength lies a deepening understanding ... of the true nature of nuclear war, a conflict in which there will be no winners, and what will be left has been described as a republic of grass and insects."

While stressing "the special and heavy responsibility" of the nuclear weapon powers, the secretary-general said effective measures to promote conventional disarmament were equally essential "to help prevent the violence we see today in many parts of the world."

"As a national of a developing country I am especially concerned at the grievous and senseless waste of resources on armaments which could instead be used to meet fundamental requirements" in the Third World, said Perez de Cuellar.

Javier Perez de Cuellar also said at a press conference that he rejects the United States plan that self-rule for Southwest Africa must be linked to withdrawal of Cuban troops from neighboring Angola.

Perez de Cuellar also said the black-ruled states near South Africa are increasingly impatient with U.N. sanctioned efforts to negotiate an end to Pretoria's administration of Southwest Africa, a sprawling, mineral-rich territory commonly known as Namibia.

Cheysson will be preparing the ground for a visit to the Soviet Union of President Francois Mitterrand.

Franco-Soviet ties were profoundly shaken by the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, the upheavals in Poland and by a sharply contradictory analysis of the balance of forces in Europe — which France contends was upset with the installation of Soviet SS-20 missiles targeted on Western Europe. The gap separating Paris and Moscow on these issues has not appreciably narrowed and is not likely to during Cheysson's visit.

But the French are nonetheless convinced that the dialogue must be strengthened and endowed with a greater degree of formality. The critical point in the foreign minister's upcoming discussions is almost certain to be European security, where France and the Soviet Union currently remain far apart in their respective positions.

Soviet leader has reportedly been surprised that France has aligned itself with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) on the planned deployment of 372 U.S.-made Pershing and Cruise missiles in Western Europe later this year. France is no longer a member of the military wing of the alliance and none of the missiles is to be deployed on its territory.

For the Soviet Union, as reflected in a recent commentary by the Novosti news agency, the deployment of the NATO rockets will not reinforce the security of France, which, the agency stressed, already possesses a considerable nuclear potential.

Cheysson and Gromyko are likewise expected to discuss major international issues, most notably Afghanistan, Poland, the Iran-Iraq war and the Middle East. On the latter point, observers have noted, France and the Soviet Union do share a similar analysis.

Cheysson will also sign an agreement covering a new 10-year program of scientific and technical cooperation.

## The late burial

NAVARRE, Ohio, Feb. 15 (AP) — Thirty-nine years after he died, Army Lt. Charles Robert Steiner was buried by his family and honored as an unforgettens hero.

"I'm glad we have him back here," said his sister, Velma Zimmerman, after the weekend funeral and burial here, as she clutched a flag that had draped his casket. Steiner was 26 in 1944 when his plane went down in the jungles of New Guinea. The wreckage was not found until last April, and identification was completed last month.

On Saturday, Steiner's remains lay in a casket at the rear of a church and about 100 persons paid their last respects. There were no tears, just stoic faces, as they listened to Harold Henninger Eulogize Steiner and others who died in the combat.

"Most of us in this sanctuary lived through World War II," Henninger said. "I came back, and so did my brothers. But a lot didn't. We had a real love for this nation, and so did Robert," he said.

Mrs. Zimmerman recalled, "the last day he left for overseas, I can still see him going down the steps. It was going through my mind that I might never see him again."

**UNMOVED JOGGER: Police sit in their squad car to guard the body lying in front of the vehicle as a jogger and his dog pass the scene along Chicago's Lakefront Monday without even a second glance. The body was not identified and the death was believed due to natural causes. Temperature along Lakefront reached a high of 40 degrees Monday.**

## Mass murder case

## U.K. search uncovers bones

LONDON, Feb. 15 (AP) — Thirty police

trainees, scraping through waste ground behind the garden of the two-story Melrose Avenue house.

The trainees, working on their hands and knees in near-freezing temperatures, were aiding detectives who have already dug up a pile of human bones in the yard.

Police suspect the bodies of 13 or 14 drifters are buried around the house where they were butchered in what is shaping up to be Britain's worst mass murder case.

"The cadets have only been training for three months, but they know what to do," a senior officer told reporters. "They're very keen."

Detective chief Supt. Geoffrey Chambers, the Scotland Yard officer leading the mass murder investigation, disclosed Monday night that detectives have established possible identities for six of those believed slain since 1975. He declined to release the names culled from a list of 2,000 men missing in London since 1975, but said detectives were trying to contact relatives.

**Reagan to promote army spending**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (AP) — U.S.

President Ronald Reagan's aides, looking for

ways to boost domestic support for the administration's defense budget, are embarking on a new program intended to publicize the reasons behind various elements of America's military spending.

The administration hired as a consultant William Greener, a deputy White House press secretary and assistant secretary of defense for public affairs in the administration of President Gerald Ford.

Deputy White House press secretary Larry Speakes said Greener, a vice president of a pharmaceutical company and a 20-year veteran of Washington public-relations work, was asked to work, was asked to work as a consultant "to develop some ideas with regard to the defense budget."

Speakes said that "certain public opinion polls indicate the support of the defense build up is not as strong" as it was when Reagan first took office.

Greener said William Clark, Reagan's national security adviser, "asked me to come in a look at ways to explain the defense

budget to the American people."

Meanwhile, top U.S. military officials are expected to approve production of the controversial F-18 jet for carrier-based bombing missions but a decision on the ultimate number to be bought probably will hinge on navy studies, navy and defense sources said Monday.

In a related development, the Reagan administration might challenge Congressmen's favorite military projects if they press too hard for cuts in the defense budget, a key defense official says.

The official, who spoke on condition that he remain anonymous, told the Associated Press that the Defense Department might propose a list of U.S. military bases for closing.

The bases located around the country are

considered prestige and job-producing

plums for the members of Congress who have them in their home districts.

But he said the department might make such a move "if the heat gets heavy" in the budget battle. "We've got a list of bases we'd like to get rid of," he said.

Hinckley, 27, had been taking the anti-depressant drug imipramine. But Wayne Pines, a spokesman for the psychiatric hospital where Hinckley had been held before his latest brush with death, said patients are supposed to be under the watch of attendants whenever they take medication.

Hinckley was found semi-conscious Sunday on the floor of his room at St. Elizabeth's

Hospital, where he had been confined since his acquittal by reason of insanity last June. Officials said he was close to dying. Since then, his condition has not permitted questioning about what he took or how he got it, Pines said. Hinckley was moved to intensive care at Southeast Community Hospital, guarded by U.S. marshals and observed by psychiatrists.

The episode marked Hinckley's third apparent suicide attempt since he was seized

after shooting Reagan, White House press secretary James Brady, a secret service agent and a Washington policeman March 30, 1981.

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